

Readington Recreation Minutes

January 23, 2008

A. Greta called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

B. **Attendance:**

1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bobnar, Jeff Kane, Bill Quinn, Bill Keefe, Linda Busch, John Hunt,
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine, Jill Harris
3. Public: Shea Garritano

C. **Minutes Approval:**

Jeff made a Motion: *The minutes from the November 28th, 2007 recreation meeting are approved with* John seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. **Correspondence:** Thank you note for holiday party donation to Mirota Senior Housing

E. **Old Business**

1. **Summer Road Letter Response**

Letter received from Michael Tripp at Hixson Road about drainage and parking issues. Town is having Clay McEldowney, town engineer, checking on the drainage to see if this is a problem or not.

2. **Needs Assessment-Greta**

Everyone received a copy of the assessment report and will discuss the survey at the Feb. 13th meeting.

3. **Holiday Basketball Tournament**

The tournament raised \$21,000.00. After discussion on use of profits, it was decided to:

- a. All teams will use same style of uniform and each player will receive \$50.00 towards buying uniform.
- b. The Travel Basketball Liaison and 1 coach or parent from boys and 1 coach or parent from girls program will look at specific types of uniforms.
- c. Use money for clinics for younger grades in recreation to increase skill ability from December to last Saturday in January (6 weeks). Greta will speak to Flemington about Hoops Group since they run their clinic.

4. **Jr. Devils Tackle Football Program**

- a. Shea Garritano asked for help getting a field for the 2008 program and wanting lighted field.
- b. It was discussed the only lighted fields we have are: 1. Hillcrest #3 with temporary lights from October to middle of November. 2. Pickel Park Softball Field#1 where they could play in outfield with sled on outside part of field for practice when softball was not using field.
- c. The number of Readington Children in program are 63% Varsity and 90% Jr. Varsity.
- d. Tom A. suggested to contact Merck for space to play. Tom is getting a contact person for Shea to call. The committee suggested Shea contact Merck before discussing Pickel Park further.
- e. The committee gave the recommendation for Jr. Devils to give us a 3 year comprehensive plan.

5. **John Hunt** was officially approved by the Township Committee as an alternate to the Recreation Committee.

6. **Memorial Day Parade-Tom A.**

- a. Tom said everything is going nicely and he is waiting to hear about use of the Kings shopping Center. He said next meeting he invites everyone to attend on Feb. 20th Wednesday night at 7:30PM at Municipal Building
- b. Greta is checking on the National Guard to see if they have a band to play in the parade.
- c. There was a discussion on opening the fence into for the band and was decided no need to do this.

7. **Tennis Court Progress-Greta**

- a. Greta spoke to 3 Contractors and cost to repair is around \$75,000.00. The job will have to be bid out
- b. Sharon will contact Notre Dame HS and Warren Hills School to get specs from their tennis court work done at schools. Greta will ask USTA to help develop the specs for bidding out the project.
- c. Greta will contact some lighting companies during the slow season to get ideas for replacing the tennis and softball field lights for more energy efficient lighting.
- d. Greta says there is still time to apply for a March 15th Grant for Spring submission.

8. **CPR/First Aid-Greta**

Joel Kerwin will teach a 4 hour class on the 3rd Thursday of each month through May. There will be no cost to Readington residents. Hopefully all coaches will take this course.

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F. New Business

1. Policy for refunds for travel players

- a. After a long discussion it was decided that once you have been selected to a team that there would be no refunds unless the Recreation Committee decided there was a special case.
- b. Bill Keefe volunteered to write up a policy for approval at next meeting.

2. Tryout policy for out of town players

- a. After some discussion it was decided: NO out of town players may participate in Readington tryouts unless there is a pre-registration that indicated there will be a shortage of players to form a team for our players.
- b. This needs to be put in all the travel sports rules for the next meeting.

3. Flag Football

- a. John brought to our attention that Mike Schoderbek will be leaving Flag Football to go into Junior Devils with his son; therefore Flag Football needs a new director.
- b. John suggested we invite Mike to our next meeting and thank him for all his work in organizing Flag Football. He suggested we ask Bill Di Giovanni as a possible replacement.

4. Shannon Daley Memorial Fund

- a. The Shannon Daley Memorial Fund night will be on Feb. 27 at High School and would encourage everyone to attend and there will be no committee meeting that night but it will be on Feb. 13th
- b. Bill Quinn made a motion: **“The Recreation Committee donates \$500.00 for a half page ad in the Shannon Daley Program for the Shannon Daley Memorial Fund.”**
Bill Keefe seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor.

5. Recreation Basketball to Competitive??

- a. After some discussion Bill said that the older teams seemed evenly matched and games have been even. He felt that the draft taken in the beginning of season was working well.
- b. There was some concern with the 3rd grade boys by reports that they were keeping scores and referees were not explaining their calls. Greta said she would talk with the Ron Webb, 3rd grade director to pass it along to coaches no scores kept and she would talk to referees about explaining their calls to young teams. Greta and Bill Keefe said they would visit them on Saturdays during their games.

6. Rutgers Class February 5th

- a. Greta is trying to schedule a class a month.
- b. Patti has put together a spread sheet with the current coaches and who has taken the Rutgers Course, First Aid & CPR, and fingerprinting. Those that have not done these classes will be sent a letter saying they need to do this.

7. Eagle Scout Projects

- a. Greta said Jim De Seno wants to know if any projects need to be done.
- b. A few suggestions were made but many they could not start and complete themselves.
- c. Patti suggested they design and make children's games for the summer rec and our special events. Greta will give Patti Jim De Seno's number and she will work on this with him.

G. Other Business

1. Tom A. reminded everyone to come to Parade meeting Feb. 20th at 7:30 at Municipal Building
2. Tom mentioned there is a special scholarship offered by the League of Municipalities. Greta will get him the contacts for Hunterdon Central High School and Immaculata High School in Somerville.

H. Closing

Next meeting will be held on February 13th, 2008

- Jeff made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 9:45 P.M. on January 23, 2008.**
Bill Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patricia Marcine, Recording Secretary, January 23, 2008
Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, January 28, 2008