

## Readington Recreation Minutes

April 2, 2008

A. Greta called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

**B. Attendance:**

1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bobnar, Tom Daley, Jeff Kane, Bill Keefe, Linda Busch, John Hunt, Mark Toman
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine, Jill Harris
3. Public: Steve Powick, Trisha Perkins, Angie Gibble, Mike Marell

**C. Minutes Approval:**

The minutes taken were notes and corrections made on the needs assessments. This was a special meeting to go over the corrections that would be made by Ann Toole.

**D. Correspondence:**

There was a thank you note from Tom Cusimano from holiday basketball tournament saying how much he and his team enjoyed playing in it.

**E. Old Business**

**1. Needs Assessment-Meeting with Ann Toole on March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- a. Greta emailed her about a completion date. Ann said she will be sending it back to us to review for content and then give it back to her to print. Greta will follow up with sending it to us ASAP
- b. Committee wants her to come to meeting and present it to the rec committee before the township.

**2. Summer Road Field Update**

- a. Scott and Clay met with the Tripp family and showed them the lay out of new field and assured them there would be no parking down by entrance and would have a fence and lock for employees use only.
- b. Scott and Clay also went over the drainage and Scott will grate it out and hopefully have it ready by fall to use it as a multi-use field.

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

- a. Tom is working on getting John Kordilla to attend the next meeting to discuss the bands.
- b. Greta will get the Porta Johns ordered and delivered.
- c. First Aid Squad is really getting involved this year. They have 4 Volunteers and 2 High School volunteers attending our meetings and offering to help.
- d. Linda reported we have 14 nonprofits and she is working on the decorated homes contest.
- e. Tom says everything is falling into place.

**4. Tennis Court and Lights Progress**

- a. Musco Manufacturing is lights used on baseball fields and will realign them and then tell us what they need for \$2,400.00. They do not know if this will help with the glare but may need to put shields on lamps.

**5. CPR & First Aid-** Greta reported that the coaches are beginning to sign up for course and Joel enjoys teaching them. It is open to any Readington resident not just coaches. Each class holds 10 students.

**6. Lacrosse Update**

- a. Ken reported that there are about 15 girls and 15 boys in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade and about 20 in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. They have no equipment and RMS had none to offer us.
- b. They will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays with clinics to learn skills and not worry about games.
- c. There will be a coaches' clinic on a Saturday in April. Ken stated about 20 kids were cut from school team hopefully they will come out for our league.
- d. He wants to bring in older kids from high school in to help with younger recreation teams and will play at Holland Brook School

**7. Report on Pickel Park Project-Linda**

- a. Linda said everyone was meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day at 1:00 PM to discuss what they will be doing on the weekend of May 1 & 2 . On May 3<sup>rd</sup> planters will come and plant.
- b. Linda said we should get signs made up and Ken said he would get name and number of a sign maker he knows to Linda.
- c. RV Disposal Service is giving us 48 recycle cans to be distributed at the Parks and we will use orange bags and they will be put at the DPW –recycle center

**8. Volleyball Policies-Bill Keefe**

Bill reported they had a great season.

**9. Movie Night –Ken**

The first movie night will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Park and the movie will be “Sandlot”. He will get the license for \$150.00.

**10. Flag Football -Tom D.**

Tom said Mike Schoderbek will be leaving Flag Football to go into Junior Devils with his son; therefore Flag Football needs a new director. Tom made a motion: **John Hunt will become the new director of flag football and will be our liaison for flag football.** Mark seconded it. All were in favor.

**F. New Business**

**1. Angie Gible on Travel Basketball 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls team**

a. Angie wants to have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls travel basketball team that can play in the Garden State League and the Flemington League. Trisha Perkins and Steve Powick volunteered to be coaches. Angie felt the girls that would be on this team are travel team ability and could prove to have a good competitive team.

b. Recreation would have to change the Basketball by- laws allowing a 4<sup>th</sup> grade travel girls team. There already is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ team.

c. The overall plan of our sports is to start from the lower grades with skill instructions by professional instructors in Recreation.

d. The committee has questions: Is there enough gym space for another travel team? Will there be enough 3 & 4 grade girls to play recreation if these girls do not play recreation? If these girls continue to play recreation will they overpower the other girls?

e. The committee thanked them for coming and said they would make a decision at a later date. It was stated and agreed before we change the by-laws let them try it on at trial basis but need to look into gym space availability.

**2. Bruce Wild tennis instructor for recreation**

a. Bruce came to tell us about his program and how it is growing. He has 30 kids with 2 classes a day for 4 days a week. He gave us a copy of his schedule that he has for spring, summer and fall.

b. It was discussed to have tennis courts locked up and you would need to swipe a card to get in and Bruce mentioned improving better drainage and possibly putting in a retaining wall to prevent mud on the tennis courts.

**3. Changing of recreation softball rules for grades 5, 6, 7 Girls -Bill Q.**

Bill was unavailable to discuss changes so Greta will send an email with details for committee to look at and vote on.

**4. Softball Tryouts and Coaches-Jeff**

a. Jeff reported there were 32 girls tryout 10 for 14 & under, 18 for 12 & under and 4 for 10 & under but still had 1 more tryout next weekend. Jeff said we may have to combine 12 & under under and both play 12 & under.

**5. Volleyball Tournament April 5<sup>th</sup> at RMS – Bill K**

Bill said there are 10 teams participating on Saturday from 7:00-7:00

**G. Other Business**

1. Linda said Cushentuk Park needs benches and would be nice to dedicate it with Greta, Tom & kids.

2. There has been an interest in running Adult Volleyball in our gyms again.

3. Fingerprinting cannot be done in Police Station must be done in a digital format in Glen Gardner

**H. Closing** Next meeting will to be held on April 23, 2008

Mark made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 10:10 P.M. on April 2, 2008.**

Tom Daley seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patricia Marcine, Recording Secretary, April 2, 2008

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, April 8, 2008

Minutes corrected and approved April 30 and May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

