

## Readington Recreation Minutes

April 23, 2008

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

**B. Attendance:**

1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bobnar, Bill Keefe, Linda Busch, John Hunt, Bill Quinn, Ken Groel
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine
3. Public: Ludo, Rick Mansdoerfer and Brad Jameson

**C. Minutes Approval:**

Bill Quinn made a Motion: The minutes from the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 recreation meeting be approved with the following 2 corrections made: spelling of Cushentuk and time of meeting to 1:00 not 11:00 in Pickle Park. Ken seconded the motion.

**D. Correspondence:** None

**E. Old Business**

**1. Review updated needs assessment information from Ann Toole**

Greta will meet with Sharon and Tom to go over detail corrections and send them to Ann Toole to finalize it so she can present it to recreation committee.

**2. Needs Assessment-Meeting with Ann Toole** –Greta will set it up.

**3. Movie Night**

- a. June 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday night will be the new date for the movie.
- b. Ken is getting the screen and sound system for \$1,375.00 also getting a license
- c. We will borrow the popcorn machine and slurpee machine from baseball for refreshments.
- d. There will be no charges, but a donation can be made at snack stand to help pay for costs.

**4. Summer Road Field Update**

Scott, Greta, Angie Gible and Paul Tarantiles met and Summer Park to measure and check out new field. There is enough room for a full sided field and he will begin work on it for use hopefully this fall.

**5. Jim Rohl Scholarship Selection**

After some discussion of the candidates Bill Keefe made a motion: **Readington Recreation will accept 2 Girls numbers 2 & 3, and 2 boys Numbered 7 & 8 for a Jim Rohl Scholarship of \$750.00 each.** Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**6. Lacrosse Update**

Ken reported it's the third week into the program and there are 50+ kids enrolled from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Most of the players are 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders with still open registration. There are no teams just run as clinics with the help of high school coach and students. Everyone seems happy with the program so far.

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

- a. Linda was meeting with them on April 25<sup>th</sup> to confirm everything up for the first weekend of May. Landscapers worked at park May 1 and 2 planting and preparing beds for volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Recreation will provide lunch for them on Saturday.
- b. Several descendants of Pickell family will be at ribbon cutting ceremony

**8. Recycling Cans and Signs**

All the recycle cans have been distributed in parks. Greta will tell Scott to place them all side by side of all the other garbage cans. Greta had a sign made up about recycle cans donated by RVD.

**9. Adult Volleyball**

Jim DeSeno has approached Greta about having a gym time for Adult Volleyball. After some discussion it was decided that we need a list of participants and what percentage are Readington residents. We need to advertise adult volleyball in the newsletter and see what interest develops from that.

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

- a. There are over 40 participants so far for the parade that will start at the mall.
- b. Tom reported all permits are in and ready from the state and county.
- c. There will be 4 grills and the rescue squad offered tents to set up by food. Grill from 11:30-2:30  
Patti will set up cooking schedule.
- d. Tom says everything is falling into place and next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

**F. New Business**

**1. Summer Recreation June 23-August 1, 2008**

Patti reported registration forms are online and already coming in. Applications are plentiful and most employees will be returning.

**2. Travel Softball -4 Teams**

Greta reported this year we have an Under 10, under 11, under 12 and under 14 Teams and we have coaches for all teams.

**3. Fishing Derby June 15<sup>th</sup> Deer Path Park Pond**

Ron Ervick and Ken Groel have agreed to judge the tournament.

**4. Komen Foundation Presentation**

Greta reported that Komen wants to give a presentation to Donna Patrick's Izod Company for their generous donation. It was felt that Ron Armellino should also be honored for all he has done to make this a successful tournament.

**5. CPR Classes for Summer**

Greta reported these classes have all been filling and she will continue them for the summer. It will be on Thursday nights when the school is open for Men's Basketball.

**6. Increase Adult Activities**

Greta asked the committee to give this some thought and bring your ideas to the next meeting. A couple of suggestions were to use basketball courts at RMS for adult or teen pick-up games or to start small clubs such as book clubs.

**G. Other Business**

1. Greta gave an update on Tennis Lights- Clay and Mike will meet with Greta and Scott to discuss contract and give estimates without a fee.
2. Greta reported Scott is putting new bench in Cushentuk Park and is also going to make a ramp maybe in fall.
3. All Fingerprinting done in Glen Gardner at \$26.00 a person and the results are back in 3-4 days.
4. There was discussion about the behavior of some coaches and how a travel team was run this past year. Greta will be meeting with Vita and the coaches on this matter.
5. Rick Mansdoefer and Brad approached the committee with having a B 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball travel team as a Readington Recreation team. He asked us to consider it and would like it to be put on next month's agenda for further discussion. The committee agreed and gym space was a big concern.
6. Greta reported Scott is looking into putting a sprinkler system in our parks starting with Summer Road Park He will get costs for us.
7. Luido does ball room dancing at the Firehouse and would like Recreation to support an outdoor dance under the stars at the Pavilion in Park by Firehouse. It was said to be unsafe and should consider having one a Stickney Barn. He wants to stay at Firehouse. Greta will look into safety of Gazebo with Scott and see if something like this could be possible. She will get back to Ludo about it.

**H. Closing** Next meeting will to be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Bill Quinn made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 10:40 P.M. on April 23, 2008.**

Bill Keefe seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patricia Marcine, Recording Secretary, April 23, 2008

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, May 2, 2008

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, May 6, 2008 & May 28, 2008

