

Readington Recreation Minutes  
August 27, 2008

A. Sharon Bobnar called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

**B. Attendance:**

1. Committee Attendance: John Hunt, Bill Quinn, Ken Groel, Linda Busch, Bill Keefe
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine, Jill Harris

**C. Minutes Approval:**

Ken made a Motion: **The minutes from the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 recreation meeting are approved with the correction of the spelling of Tom Daley's name (4 places).** Bill Quinn seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

**D. Correspondence:** Thank you letter from Renee Baligian thanking us for a great summer recreation program.

**E. Old Business**

**1. Needs Assessment follow up**

- a. Greta wrote a letter to be put on the website for the committee to approve.
- b. Everyone was going to look it over and get back to Greta with any changes.
- c. Greta will put this letter with the presentation that was given to the committee our website and the township's website.
- d. One of the things we will be looking to doing is to get more adult activities. Linda is looking into doing a walking group around Cushentuk Park and having Ludo's dances possibly at Stickney Barn. Greta was going to follow up with Stickney regarding Ludo as she said she know the lady in charge

**2. Sub-Committee members for 3,5,10 year plans for recreation.**

- a. The members of the sub-committee are: Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine, Tom Auriemma, Sharon Bobnar, John Hunt, Bill Keefe, Bill Quinn and John Klutz ( member for open space)
- b. The meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month starting with September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. until the plan is complete.

**3. Movie Night**

- a. Ken reported Friday night movie (August 1<sup>st</sup>) went well. There was about 100-125 people.
- b. The only problem we had was with Fusco's lights for the parking lot would not work.
- c. After some discussion it was decided that August is not a good month because of vacations and there needs to be more lead time for advertisements.

**4. Met with Poly-Tech H.S. about making a Gazebo at Summer Road Park**

- a. Greta contacted them and waiting to hear back in September once school has started to see if they would be interested in designing and building a Gazebo for Summer Road Park. It was one of the items mentioned in the needs assessment for improvement at Summer Road Park to have shade

**5. Athletic Fields**

- a. Greta reported that we have spent \$9,000.00 on infield mix from Morris County Coop to fix out Softball fields at 4 at Summer Road Park and 2 at Hillcrest Park to upgrade our fields.
- b. Scott will be working on the new soccer field at Summer Road Park and hopefully it will be ready for Fall 2009
- c. Scott will be fixing the little baseball field at Cornhuskers this fall and finish it in the spring.

**6. Eagle Scout Project**

- a. There was a discussion on some projects that the Eagle Scout could do for recreation.
- b. Some Suggestions were: carnival games, gazebo trails, benches at tennis courts or at Mirado's
- c. The person to contact is either Doug Claybough or Jim De Seno.

**7. Volleyball update**

- a. Bill Keefe reported Maria and Terry and Ron will still be coaching this fall. There are 3 teams.
- b. The season begins September 17<sup>th</sup> with open volleyball for 10 weeks.
- c. Bill will have the policies complete for us at the next meeting.

**8. Tennis Courts will be done by the end of week**

- a. Greta reported they will be done by next week the latest. They are still filling the cracks before completing the surface. They're also doing Cushentuk tennis courts.

- b. It was decided that the fence should be done by the township and Greta will look into what they can do to improve it.
- c. John Hunt is looking into improving the lighting with Sylvania Lighting.

F. New Business

1. **Travel Soccer & Sky Blue Soccer**

- a. Sky Blue Soccer is a professional women soccer group that is trying to find a place to sponsor them. They want to build a turf field with lights. Paul and Greta will be meeting with them on September 2<sup>nd</sup> to see what they want.
- b. The girls travel soccer teams will be using the Sky Blue Soccer for practices and training this fall instead of UK-Elite in which the boy's teams will continue to use.

2. **Revision of Recreation Soccer Program-Begins September 13<sup>th</sup>**

- a. This fall season there will be skill practices done by coaches and games played with referees.
- b. UK-Elite will teach the coaches skills for the first half hour and then they will practice with their team for half hour then a short break followed by a game each Saturday.

3. **Revamping of Recreation and Travel Softball Program**

- a. Softball is making similar changes as soccer is with more skill training and clinics.
- b. They will have the RVCC coach and Pitch Rich run some clinics this winter for both recreation and travel girls. They are looking into some facilities for winter clinics.

4. **Halloween Parade and Movie Night combined**

- a. Patti wants to do a movie for Halloween as part of the Halloween Costume party in October.
- b. Ken said he would provide the screen and projector and Patti will get the movie. She suggested we show Haunted Mansion starring Eddie Murphy.
- c. Patti will have more details for next month's meeting.
- d. It was decided the movie & party would be held at Pickell Park with lights.

5. **Soccer Fest September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Greta invited everyone to attend the soccer fest and reminded everyone how important this fest is. The profit pays for most of the training programs we offer the travel teams and some for recreation. There are 84 teams participating at Hillcrest Park and Summer Road Park all day.

G. **Other Business**

Sharon mentioned that we should revisit our finances and budgets for 2009 year. Greta said she would get some reports ready for the next meeting.

H. **Closing** Next meeting will to be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Bill Keefe made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 9:10P.M. on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

Linda Busch seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patricia Marcine, Recording Secretary, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary,

