

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Reorganization Meeting Minutes January 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:16 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Present: Amanda Loguidice, Cathy O'Byrne, Wayne Spangenberg, Marisa LaVerde (Alt #2), Jennifer Pandorf (alt #1), Ian Denzer-Weiler, Kelsey Nauta Peter, Karcher (Liaison)

Absent: Andy Cassini

Reorganization

Nominations for Chair – Ms. Loguidice was nominated by Ms. O'Byrne, seconded by Ms. Pandorf. All in favor.

Nominations for Vice Chair – A motion to nominate Mr. Wayne Spangenberg was made by Ms. O'Byrne, seconded by Ms. Pandorf. All in favor.

2020 Meeting Dates – Dates for the meetings on the fourth Monday were discussed, but as the handout sent out for the meeting had the meetings on the fourth Thursday, due to a clerical error. A revised schedule will need to be sent out and approved at a later date

Sports Commissioners:

Baseball – Wayne Spangenberg

Basketball – Amada Loguidice

Soccer – Shannon Schaaf

Subcommittees:

Community Day – Amanda Loguidice, appointed 11/18

Rosenkranz Award – Cathy O'Byrne to coordinate

Summer Recreation – Emilia Thompson

Parks & Recreation Areas – Jen Pandorf & Kelsey Nauta

Adult Community Recreation Coordinator – Amanda Loguidice & Kelly Nauta

Disciplinary – Amanda Loguidice & Cathy O'Byrne

Policies and Finances – Amanda Loguidice & Cathy O'Byrne

A motion to accept all commissioner and sub-committee appointments was made by Cathy O'Byrne, seconded by Ian Denzer-Weiler.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. LaVerde to accept the minutes from December 30, 2019, seconded by Ms. O'Byrne. All in favor.

Communications: A request was received from the North Jersey Kayak Bass Fishing Club to use the boat launch and host a fishing tournament on September 13, 2020. There was some discussion and a motion to approve the request was made by Kelsey Nauta, seconded by Marissa LaVerde.

There was some discussion regarding outreach to local schools trying to get more parents and volunteers for sports programs. There was also some discussion about sending flyers to the art teachers at Independence Central and the Middle School to build participation in the Community Days Art Contest. Ms. LaVerde volunteered to take the lead on that project.

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Reports

Adult Recreation: The Commission decided to discontinue the Yoga and Qi-Gong for the winter months. The programs will resume once weather is warmer.

Community Days: Quotes for fireworks were received from D&M Fireworks, Garden State Fireworks and Fireworks Extravaganza. After review of the quotes and discussion, Ms. Loguidice asked for a motion, to make a recommendation to the Township Committee. Mr. Spangenberg made a motion, recommending Garden State Fireworks, seconded by Ms. LaVerde.

Quotes for Community Day amusements were received from Any Excuse for a Party, Circus Time and Party Perfect. After review of the quotes and discussion, Ms. Loguidice asked for a motion, to make a recommendation to the Township Committee. Ms. Nauta made a motion, recommending Party Perfect, seconded by Ms. Pandorf.

Background Checks: No report.

Baseball: Since the AstroTurf will be donated for the batting cages, Mr. Spangenberg will coordinate the recruitment of volunteers and the installation. The batting cage nets need to be rehung.

Basketball: Season has been going well. A refund was approved for a child's withdrawal from the sport.

Beach: Comments regarding the MOU with Oxford Furnace Lake still need to be received from the township attorney.

There was some discussion about the recruitment of lifeguard positions, that efforts needed to be expanded include all local high schools, including Warren Tech, YMCA;s and Centenary University.

Concession Stand: None.

Disciplinary: None

Finances:

Free Union Fields: We are in the process of getting quotes for the treatment of the fields. Quotes will be in for the February meeting.

Policies: Reviewed the reimbursement policy for lifeguard training. Edits will be incorporated into the policy and it forwarded to the attorney and CFO for comment.

Rosenkrans Award: The awards have been ordered; we will call with the award recipient information once the information is available.

Soccer: None.

Summer Recreation Program: None

Recreation Commission Members: None.

Recreation Commission Chair: Interviews were held this month for the Recreation Assistant position.

New Business: Newsletter blurb due by February 15th

Approval of Expenses: The quote from Apex Telecom, to install a network cable connection in the Recreation Commission office was reviewed. Following discussion by the commission members, a motion to approve the expense was made by Cathy O'Byrne, seconded by Marissa LaVerde.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 7:35 pm.