

# Liberty Township Recreation Commission

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### February 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll call:** Present: Chairman Mike McGreevy, Vice Chair Mike Doyle, Amy Dieteman, Al Crisafulli, Karin Sabo, John Crisp Absent: Charles Lindow, Committee Liaison Mark Tibak (both excused)

**Soccer Awards:** Chairman McGreevy presented plaques to the two undefeated boys soccer teams- Chris Donnelly's 3 & 4 grade, and Bob Pezzato's 5 & 6 grade.

**Community Day:** Ron Buckenmeyer and Dan Inscho of the Mountain Lake Fire Company attended to discuss plans for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being held on August 8. There will be a parade and fireworks. Discussion was held concerning possibly combining the two events, since no one has stepped forward to organize Community Day 2009. Fundraising to meet the Township Committee's fireworks funding match was discussed. The consensus of the Commission was to keep the events separate, and a sub committee will be formed to organize volunteers to run the summer kickoff event.

**Minutes:** The minutes of January 27, 2009 were accepted on a motion by Ms. Dieteman, seconded by Mr. Crisafulli, all in favor with Mr. Crisp abstaining.

**Public Comment:** Katie Connelly reported she sent a letter of interest in joining the Commission to Mayor Inscho.

**Communications:** Use of facility requests from North Jersey Athletics Youth teams, and Hackettstown Baseball Boosters were approved.

#### **Sports Commissioner Reports:**

**Basketball-** Mr. Crisafulli reported six teams are involved in the playoffs. The coaches have done an outstanding job. Mr. Crisafulli made a motion to appoint Wayne Chaladoff as Basketball Commissioner for 2009/10 season, seconded by Ms. Sabo, with all in favor. The Chair thanked Mr. Crisafulli for stepping forward to the 2008/09 season, and complimented him on the great job. A question arose concerning recourse against referees who are not performing their job. The League is pursuing a change in referee coordinators for next year. Discussion was held on which League would be best for Liberty to join.

**Baseball-** Registration is down from 122 in 2008 to 95-100 in 2009. It was felt that travel teams are partially to blame. There will be no more sign ups after today. Mr. Doyle made a motion to approve the following coaches: Senior- Paul Garno; Major- Frank Iannone; National- George Troutman and Al Crisafulli; American- Mike Sabo, Katrina Wilson; T-ball- Ron Gable, Dave D'Olivo, Harvey Crowder. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGreevy, all in favor with Mr. Crisafulli and Ms. Sabo abstaining. A certificate of insurance will be sent to Guy Bunn. Ms. Dieteman made a motion to approve \$250 league fees, \$1,400 umpire fees, \$900 for equipment and \$2,000 for clay, seconded by Mr. Crisp with all in favor. The season will open April 18, two skills assessments will be held, and practices will begin April 6. The season will end June 14. \$500 from Rec. Trust was approved previously for an Opening Day event projected to be held on April 11, with team photos in uniform, a clinic, and possibly a vintage baseball game. Field maintenance workday will be March 28.

A description of the duties for the Facilities Coordinator position was discussed and adopted on a motion by Mr. Crisafulli, seconded by Ms. Sabo with all in favor.

**Softball** – Mr. Doyle reported that there are not enough registrations for grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 to field teams. Those interested can join Independence. There is one team of 15 girls in the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> grade level. League fees of \$100 will be sent to Frank Spender. Mr. Crisafulli made a motion to approve \$200 for equipment (softballs), seconded by Ms. Dieteman, with all in favor.

**Soccer**- No report

**Instant Verification**- a presentation was made by Steve Fromer and Leslie Naughton outlining the company's program for background checks for coaches. The cost is \$35 per coach. The process was explained for appeals and fingerprinting. The company simply gives a yes or no. They will send sample ordinances and policies. Discussion was held.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Parks & Recreation Areas**

Beach- lifeguard inoculations

Boat launch, Docks- DPW no parking barricades, signs

Concession Stand – no report

**Rosenkrans award** – no report

**Summer Recreation** – no report

**Discipline**– no report

**Policies** – no report

### **Old Business**

Background checks: Mr. Doyle reviewed the information from Blairstown obtained by Mr. Tibak. Mr. Fromer from Instant Verification will be invited to the next meeting to explain the parameters of the search. Discussion was held.

### **New Business**

**Megan's Law:** Discussion was held on the notification process from the Warren County Prosecutor's Megan's Law Unit. Ms. Greason was waiting for input from the Twp. Attorney.

**Dugouts:** Mr. McGreevy reported the roofing materials will be picked up by the DPW from Blue Ridge Lumber. The consensus of the Commission was to use metal roofing material.

**Commissioner and Public Comments:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary