

Liberty Township Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2009

Chairman Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll call: Present: Chairman Mike Doyle, Vice Chair Karin Sabo, Amy Dieteman, Al Crisafulli, John Crisp, Charles Lindow, Katie Connelly, Committee Liaison Mark Tibak

Correspondence: A phone request was received from Mr. Cassi asking to be allowed to run a metal detector on the beach. The consensus of the Commission was to allow this to be done while the beach was closed.

Sports Commissioner Reports

Baseball- Mr. Crisafulli reported the season ended on a good note with the 5th & 6th grade boys going to the finals. The equipment is being returned.

Soccer- Ms. Dieteman reported the teams have been established, and there are no 7/8 grade or 5/6 grade girls teams. The following coaches were approved on a motion by Mr. Crisafulli, seconded by Ms. Sabo, all in favor; David Gariulo- Kindergarten, and Lil Kaylin- 1st & 2nd grades. Two players are on a waiting list as per the team count policy, and three 6th grade boys were moved up. League fees of \$30/team for a total of \$210 were approved on a motion by Mr. Crisafulli, seconded by Mr. Lindow, all in favor. \$2,000 for equipment was approved on a motion by Ms. Dieteman, seconded by Mr. Doyle, all in favor.

Basketball- No report.

Subcommittee Reports:

Community Day-The event was again a success despite the rain. A BIG thank you goes to Leighanne Tibak!

Summer Recreation – Will begin July 6. Registration has been filled to capacity.

Parks & Recreation Areas

Beach- is now open until 7PM daily

Boat launch- \$4,135 to date

Dock- Mr. Crisp & Ms. Greason met with the representative from Connect-a-Dock. The quote received was \$3,565 for three 8-foot sections. Another quote was obtained for a pressure treated dock with float for \$4,200, and a third quote was for \$3,700. Ms. Dieteman made a motion to approve \$3,565 for Connect-a Dock, seconded by Mr. Crisafulli with all in favor. The price for a full enclosure dock system was \$28,172.

Concession Stand- Ms. Ackerman & Mr. Donnelly will be meeting to discuss purchasing supplies. Frank Iannone requested the stand be open for his games. Ms. Dieteman will talk to Ms. Ackerman about the schedule.

Fields- Bob Pezzato's Use Request was approved for Saturdays, and Mr. Iannone's schedule was received for Sundays.

Dugouts- Mr. Doyle will obtain volunteers to install the metal roofs over the summer.

Old Business:

Background checks: The vote last month was unanimous for the background checks for coaches, however the vote to include fingerprinting was tabled until all members were present. Ms. Dieteman made a motion to include fingerprinting in the background check requirement, seconded by Mr. Crisp with the following vote: Yes- Ms. Dieteman, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Lindow, and Mr. Crisp. No- Ms. Sabo, Ms. Connelly, and Mr. Crisafulli. Motion passed. The policy will be developed to include the fingerprinting and given to the attorney for review. It will be implemented upon adoption. The coaches will have to pay up front and then be reimbursed.

New Business:

New Recreation League: Mr. Crisafulli, Ms. Sabo & Ms. Greason attended a meeting with Hackettstown and Independence to form a rec league between the towns, with Allamuchy also being invited to join. Discussion was held on the effect of travel teams on the rec programs. Mr. Crisafulli reported on the tone of the meeting to combine for all sports. Ms. Tanski gave a history of the basketball league. Much discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Commission to attend the next meeting and continue talks.

Commissioner Comments: Mr. Lindow requested re-surfacing of the outdoor basketball courts. Mr. Tibak will follow up on this matter.

Discussion was held on hiring someone to line the fields for soccer, as was done for baseball.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary