

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 16th, 2011 7:30 PM

Borough Hall

The Sunshine Law Statement was read and the Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silent Reflection was observed, and roll was taken.

Roll Call

Present: Pete Sacco, Cathy Stack, Frank Pedone,
Michael La Porte, John Curciu, Nathalie Lota, Brian Winters, Frank Catania,

Absent: Ed LaScala, Bob Thoma, Christine Christopoul, Sarah Kelly

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March and April 2011 were approved after spelling error and tennis court surface was discussed. Motion made by Cathy Stack seconded by Brian Winters.

RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Ciurciu

- **Baseball** Opening day went well, Chairman Sacco spoke. Parade and BBQ were held. Three of our Recreation Baseball Alumni were mentioned, and their success noted in getting into college where they will be pitching. Jordan Gross, John Gandolpho, and Austin Solicito all went through our program, and will soon be pitching for their respective colleges. All received scholarships.
- **Lacrosse Tournament** is next weekend. All preparations are finished. Should go well. We expect 17 to 18 teams, with 3 games running at a time. Teams were selected with the understanding that this is a competitive tournament, with travel rules applying, with regard to player selection and playing time. We still have to deal with a lack of coaching for Lacrosse. If volunteers don't "step up", we may have to budget money for additional coaches to be paid.
- **Football/Soccer** Concussion policy was finalized and will be presented to Council at the next meeting. Equipment will be handed out the weeks of June 23 through July 1st. We hope holding equipment hand outs before vacations will make things smoother for our staff and the parents. Registrations are still coming in, with numbers holding steady. Soccer draft will be held in June at Recreation Center.

- **Cheerleading** Cheer camp will be August 15 to 18. We are looking to run practices 4:30 to 5:15 weekdays. We hope to have 3 seniors from IH A come back to help coach the older level squads. . John met with Program Directors (Lauren Trudeau, Christin Nihamin, Maureen Hebler) and went over equipment and orientation materials.
- **Mayor Wellness/ Community Center** Kathy Stack asked for a list of events. Suggestions should go to Greg Hart. Some examples are Diet, Stress Relief, At - work exercise, (Walk at Work day 18th of May) etc. September 10th will be the Biathlon for Kids. On May 25th, John will teach Gym at High Mountain Road School from 9 am to 2 pm.

NEW BUSINESS May 27th is the Nature Preserve walk through at Haledon Reservoir property. . Pete Sacco announced a Recreation Committee Handbook he would like to have the committee work on. It should contain maps of all fields and Recreation Buildings. This can be used for future planning and improvement. The handbook should include policies and procedures as well as current programs with times and dates they run. Enrollment by sport over time should be included. McBride Field was discussed, as was proposed improvement to Fireman's Field. Members will get preliminary copies e - mailed so the handbook can be edited, improved and eventually distributed. Brian Winters suggested a "Mission Statement" and volunteered to write an initial draft.

Pete Sacco mentioned that a Vendor Database should be established to guide employees and the Committee where we've bought items, which vendors are successful etc.

Councilman Pedrone suggested a formal "thank you" to coaches after each season. He offered a suggestion: An end of year event thanking the coaches and encouraging them to bring a friend. This would be a way to publicize the fact that we need coaches, and encourage them to get involved.

Cathy Stack suggested an addition to the handbook. A list of members of the Community Center and their membership status should be included.

A motion to adjourn made by Brian Winters, seconded by Frank Catania

- **ADJOURNMENT**
Next meeting Monday June 20th, 2011