

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 20th 7:30 PM

Borough Hall

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

Roll Call

Present: Pete Sacco, Brian Winters, Cathy Stack, Frank Pedone, John Circiu.
Ed LaScala, Sarah Kelly

Absent: , Michael LaPorte, Christine Christopoul, Bob Thoma, Frank Catania.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are no minutes to approve this meeting. May and June minutes will be available at our next meeting for approval.

RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Ciurciu

- **Baseball & Softball** Season ended, no issues. Summer travel has begun. We have teams for all levels and our travel baseball program is growing again. Softball season ends this week, and Summer Travel begins. We have 4 teams, one at each level, and Travel will go through the end of July.
- **La Crosse** - Season ended with May tournament. There may need to be coaching changes, but not before John and Emilio Di Scola review the issues brought up by parents. Our 1st and 2nd grade Lacrosse program had 72 kids. At that age, the boys and girls are combined. League rule changes might affect coach availability next season. If Level 1 certification is necessary, we may lose coaches. John will meet with Emilio and let the Committee know if the league rules change. Chris Lota will not be our program director next year so we are currently searching for a replacement.
- **Soccer Report** Alan Rowland. Numbers are down. We may be down 2 teams from last year. Registrations are not final and summer recruitment may help. As of now, we will have 3 boys' teams. The 7th and 8th Grade boys level will only have one team. Coaches list was distributed and approved. Motion by Cathy Stack, seconded by Sarah Kelly. Pete Sacco asked John to include the Committee in all e-mails sent to parents about any program so the Committee is informed.

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- **Football** Impact testing has begun. We are more than halfway through the necessary tests. We are on schedule to complete all teams in time for the start of practice in August. For now, we are testing football players only. Next season, we will include Soccer. Equipment hand outs for Football are June 23rd. Football Coach list was discussed. Cathy Stack moved to approve the list, seconded by Brian Winters. Approved Unanimously.
- **Cheerleading** Cheer Camp is finalized; John will meet with all coaches prior to the start of the season. Brian Winters will have his daughters (Ramapo Cheerleaders) work with the girls in August.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Contact lists** John Circiu discussed the Game Plan database and how he uses it to communicate with parents, coaches, and kids.
- **Bowling** Brian Winters wants to start a bowling event in the fall. John will publicize a September event at Holiday Bowl in Oakland, and if there is interest Brian Winters will set it up.
- **Field use funds** The use of money generated from fees charged for field use was discussed. John stressed that he wanted to see the money go back to the Community Center. There are budgetary concerns that need to be discussed with the Council. Frank Pedrone will present anything we want to the Council at a work session.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2011 Long Term Goals** were re-read and progress was discussed. **Positive Coaching** seminars will be scheduled for 2011 season. **Cheerleading** is being re-organized. **Recreation Foundation** has decided not to donate towards outdoor fitness equipment for outside Recreation Building. The Foundation needs to decide where to donate funds they have raised during the year. Hydration equipment for the Football team was discussed; improvement of the old Roller Hockey Rink was discussed as well. Light timers and benches along the Muni path for dog walkers and joggers were discussed. **Fireman's Field** improvements were discussed. John will put money into next year's budget to improve the fence. There is a need to enlarge the field, but there has been no progress. **Roller Hockey Rink** will become basketball courts and a turn-around for our parking lot. Council is obtaining bids on the project which may contain a building allowing us to have indoor events. **Community Center** hours and the best way to expand them was discussed.

