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Meeting Minutes

Borough Hall

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

Roll Call

Present: Michael LaPorte, Pete Sacco, Sarah Kelley, Kathy Stack, John Circiu, Ed LaScala, Brian Winters, Bob Thoma
Absent: Frank Catania

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes : September and October 2011 Minutes were submitted and approved unanimously. Motion by Brian Winters Seconded by Bob Thoma

RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Ciurciu

- **Football** Pete Sacco announced that our Pee Wee's lost in playoffs to Kinnelon, The Juniors beat Kinnelon in the Super Bowl. Seniors had good season but did not make playoffs. Our 1st and 2nd grade team went undefeated and won "The Mountain Bowl" vs. Oakland.

The Concussion plan worked very well, all players were monitored carefully and recovered. Our on-field trainer (Jen Crespo) worked very well also. Both programs were the envy of the league and should serve as the template for other teams/towns. Program evaluation forms have been sent out. Coaching assignments for next season may be switched, pending discussions between Pete Sacco, John Circiu, and current coaches as well as potential new coaches. More to follow this Winter.

- **Soccer Report** Alan Rowland Season is over. Field complaints were abundant this season, and the problems need to be addressed. Weather hurt our season and limited practices. We played 9 games, and had 13 practices. McBride field needs to be functional next season. The Town Fair does damage to Muni fields and we should look into not holding the event on the field. The program is losing many Senior coaches next year. We'll need to replace coaches at all levels.
- **Basketball** . Travel teams are set and practices/games have begun. All coaches are set and are Rutgers Certified and back-round checked.. There are 630 total players. (Boys and Girls – Travel and Recreation levels) The 9-12 grade team finished with 2 wins.

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- **Baseball** Travel Tryouts scheduled for January 7th. There will be independent evaluators.
- **Lacrosse** Recruiting has begun for boys and girls. Schedule is for practice to begin in March. There will be a 16 game schedule. Chris Lohta will not be program director for girls. A committee will do the job this year, while a replacement is sought. Emilio DiScola will be back to be program director for the boys. There is an ordinance to charge non-Franklin Lakes players an extra 10.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Field Fund** The idea of a checkbox for Recreation families to donate directly to a fund that would be for up-keep of our turf fields. The money can also be used for much needed improvements to Muni fields, and McBride as well as up-keep for the turf field. Frank Pedone will present the idea to the Council at the December Meeting.
- **Volunteer Coaches Party** There will be a party to thank our coaches for the time they donate to our programs. Frank Pedone will run the dinner. Details will follow, with a spring date as a target. 8.00 per person. Details will follow at December or January meeting.
- **Budget sheets** will be available at December 19th meeting.
- **Bi-athalon** The YMCA Bi-athalon raised 1,500.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn Michael LaPorte Seconded by Ed La Scala

Next meeting Monday, December 19th 2011