

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2013

Borough Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was taken.

Roll Call

Present: Lisa Valvano, Edward LaScala, Joe Kelly, Ron Carti, Bob Thoma, Dina Robinson, Jason Robinson, Mike Bedrin, Thomas Perneti, Christine Christopoul, Sarah Kelly

Guests:

Mayor Frank Bivona

Chris Cervino

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved

Recreation & Parks Director's Report

Kathy Furman and Ed LaScala presented

Baseball/Softball - Summer Travel going well, 8U team is 22/0, agreed to poll travel coaches for preferred dates and methodology for 2014 Spring Travel Teams

Lacrosse – Ron expressed desire to have all lacrosse players undergo a concussion baseline test. Also reiterated point that netting is needed to protect fans and walkers behind goals. At Pulis only one game at a time should be played to protect fans on sidelines between games. While Emilio is still involved in program we need to find someone to run boys program. John Hartwell will continue to run girl's program. Desire to develop a true recreation lacrosse program was expressed, perhaps in conjunction with Oakland and Wyckoff. Then a Travel Program would be layered on top for exceptional players.

Football - reported that we have 146 children in program including Flag. This is down from last year when we had 180. Flag is down from 51 to 30. This was attributed to decrease in school enrollment and concerns over safety. Prompted question for enrollment reports for all sports. Pete Sacco will be heading up our Heads Up Program which teaches proper tackling. Game schedule will be out shortly. Concussion testing is 8/12 and 8/13, no one can hit before testing. Trainer will return for all A+B games this season. Chris Cervino spoke about whether we would

have enough 2nd graders for a tackle program. It was decided that we would go ahead in hopes that 2-3 more kids join program. Coaches to be reviewed in closed session

Cheerleading – 72 girls in program. Running very well. Camp will be held 8/19 to 8/27 from 9-12 each weekday. Coaches to be reviewed in closed session

Soccer – 8/12 and 8/13 is concussion testing. We are donating our old Jerseys to charity. Also we are light for 4th grade boys and we need a coach. Coaches to be reviewed in closed session

Facilities – Lights have been tuned up and dead bulbs replaced. All bulbs will be changed out in August as per our service contract. Trees were trimmed where needed that blocked lights. Field is much brighter at night. Lightening detectors have been adjusted as needed.

Old Business – Rec director interviews continue, field has been narrowed and final round of interviews to be held next week. Many quality candidates are available

New Business – none

Motion to go into closed session

Coaches for Cheerleading, Soccer and Football were reviewed and decided upon

Motion to return to open session

In open session following sports had coaches approved

Cheerleading – unanimous approval, several coaches approved subject to obtaining Background Check and Rutgers Certification within 30 days.

Soccer – unanimous approval

Football – 7 votes for approval and 3 votes against approval, several coaches approved subject to obtaining Background Check and Rutgers Certification within 30 days.

Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting 8/19 at 7:30

