

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2013

Borough Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was taken.

Roll Call

Present: Lisa Valvano, Edward LaScala, Joe Kelly, Ron Carti, Dina Robinson, Jason Robinson, Mike Bedrin, Thomas Perneti, Frank Catania

Guests:

Mayor Frank Bivona

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved subject to changes as agreed

Recreation & Parks Director's Report

Ed LaScala presented

Baseball/Softball - Several Fall Travel teams to begin. I emphasized need to work with football and soccer coaches to accommodate field usage needs. Challenger program is done for season. Appeared to be very successful. Mentioned that Mayor would do a commendation for all buddies and the Herbst Family. Spring Travel teams will hold tryouts in late October outside, most likely on Sunday afternoons. Will use an independent evaluator unaffiliated with a baseball school along with coach from different age group.

Football – Head coaches appear to be very well prepared and upbeat for upcoming season. All is well with our PeeWeeC team with 3 new coaches running squad. At present 14 kids are on Roster. Scrimmages are starting for all age groups. Schedule will be distributed shortly and posted on Town Website. Jason will begin working on field-use software. Many kids have not undergone baseline concussion testing. This must be done before players are to be allowed to practice. Need Kathy to reach out to Men's softball team to remind them about not moving tackling dummies off field

Cheerleading –Camp has started with 50 girls. Rec pays for this camp. New account for Cheerleading at Rec Foundation has been started. Approved additional coaches in closed session

Soccer – Season will run Sept 7 until Nov 17. Decision to be made on K-Clinic between ETA and English Pro Soccer. Will not be using trainers for older kids as in past years.

Facilities – as per service contract all Muni and Pulis lights have been replaced

Mayor's Wellness – On 9/29 town will be having its first ½ marathon – named the “Scenic Half” – run will tour through entire community of Franklin Lakes. Other events 9/21 Kids Biathlon and on 9/15 a “Paddlefest” will be held at the Nature Preserve. Mayor asked for nominations for a Recreation Committee “Wellness Coordinator”

Old Business – Rec Director was named by Mayor and Council – Jason Robinson

New Business – Committee agreed to change ordinance to reflect a 30 day grace period for a coach to undergo Rutgers Training with consent of Recreation Committee. Jason Robinson is to draft appropriate language for Councilman Joe Kelly to introduce.

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, two coaches approved subject to obtaining Background Check and Rutgers Certification within 30 days.

Soccer – Unanimous approval

Football – Unanimous Approval, two coaches approved subject to obtaining Background Check and Rutgers Certification within 30 days.

Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting 9/16 at 7:30

