

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 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, Robert Thoma

Guests:

Tom Lambrix

Joy Vottero

Joyce Kwiatowski

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved

Recreation & Parks Director's Report

Ed LaScala presented

Baseball/Softball – Travel Tryout scheduled for 10/12 8:30 to 4:30, Raindate or makeup date is 10/26, outside independent evaluator is being used. Early tryouts help with Tournament signups. No parents will be permitted, announce that tryouts are for spring/summer/fall.

Football –All quiet, things running smoothly. First games were last weekend. Pee Wee C has 15 kids now! Snack bar is open, volunteers are available. 12/4 Football/Cheerleading Dinner at Maculuso. Jason talked about need for Football Equipment inventory tracking. Also mentioned that schedule is in new software system called Tandem

Cheerleading – 90 girls are signed up for program. Car wash is 9/28 10-1PM, starting a 20 girl competition team

Soccer – Several issues:

Fields need to be back on track

League Issues- scheduling and website issues
Must start practicing earlier/ have to reduce dropouts
Biathlon causing conflicts
Need better overall scheduling coordination

Lacrosse – Still need program head, talk of a parent sub-committee to discuss issues

Basketball- registration will run from 9/16- 10/7

Mayor's Wellness – 9/29 Scenic half marathon is expected to run smoothly. Rec Committee will have some volunteer support role in event. Jason looking into arrangements.

Old Business – Wyckoff YMCA came in to answer recurring questions about health of Summer Camp program. Joy Vottero and Joyce Kwiatowski from YMCA came and addressed committee. Overall enrollment trend is positive going from 490 in 2011, 502 in 2012 and 587 in 2013. Ladies explained costs (\$95per week) and nature of weekly programs. Still using Franklin Lakes counselors where possible. Looking at online registration for next year.

New Business – Committee voted to allow following: On an exception basis only, Recreation Director has authority to name interim coaches if they have back ground check in place. This interim coach has 30 days to attain Rutgers Safety Training and Recreation Committee approval. Recreation Director must notify Committee of this action on his part as soon as possible. Vote was unanimous on part of Committee

Jason Robinson is in process of developing a “Kids Code of Conduct” for sports programs. Anti bullying, sportsmanship and respect are all to be included in this Code

Motion to go into closed session

Additional 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
Soccer
Football

Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting 10/21 at 7:30

