

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

2/10/14

7:30PM

Borough Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was taken.

Roll Call

Present: Lisa Valvano, Ron Carti, Robert Thoma, Jason Robinson, Mike Bedrin, Maureen Mclaughlin, Robert Miller, Thomas Perneti

Guests:

Dan Graff

Tim Perneti

Rick Meier

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.

Recreation & Parks Director's Report

Guests' Presentation

Dan Graff- Mr Graff proposed a change in policy with regard to travel sports. With the trend of our athletes having more options to play for multiple club and travel teams in a given season, our travel teams are vulnerable and in some cases already suffering from inconsistent attendance at games and practices. Players missing travel practices or games results in an unfair situation to those that are committed and attending full time. Further, the competitiveness of our Franklin Lakes

teams can be compromised when players choose club teams over our travel teams. Mr Graff proposes contractual commitment by athletes that doesn't allow them to play for club/AAU teams during a Franklin Lakes travel season.

Rick Meier and Tim Perneti- Mr Meier and Mr Perneti (TCYFL Board members) were present at the request of the Chairman, Thomas Perneti. As noted in the January minutes, the Franklin Lakes C football coaches objected to the committee's October meeting characterization of them as "overzealous". In support of their notion, they noted that at a TCYFL hearing concerning the Franklin Lakes vs Fair Lawn C game the TCYFL board had no problem with their tactics.

Mr Meier and Mr Perneti in fact said that the conduct of the Franklin Lakes C coaches was a topic of discussion with the TCYFL. Further, it was noted that their behavior was consider to be patterned and not isolated.

In summary, the statements by Mr Meier and Mr Perneti were largely inconsistent with those of the C coaches at the January meeting.

Recreation Director Jason Robinson program update:

Football- The Recreation Department is planning on having our equipment reconditioned and inventoried next week. The option of having 5th through 8th grade players buying their own game jerseys is still being discussed. Jason said the approximate cost would be around \$40/jersey.

Basketball- Season will resume after winter break and conclude the weekend of 3/23. Jason has put the 3rd and 4th grade rec boys on a flexible schedule to help in keeping games more competitive. Rob Miller suggested more training for our referees for 3rd and 4th grade rec boys league. These referees are 8th grade boys and seem like they could use more preparatory work in his opinion.

Cheerleading- The winter season has concluded. The team finished third in their category at the nationals in Atlantic City.

Soccer- At soccer meeting, ideas were discussed to improve program next year. ETA, outside vendor, has been spoken to by Jason for

recommendations. There was a specific focus on age groups K-2 as to make this a positive experience for participants from inception.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse- Boys director, Mitch Grayson, has been meeting with coaches. Uniform sizing is completed. Scheduling of games and other league requirements are being met. Girls co-directors, John Hartwell and Maureen McLaughlin, are attending to girls program. They are still working on filling out coaching staffs, which has current numbers that are lower than desired. Jason would like to have a "lacrosse day" to begin the season. It would be a fair/parade type format, similar to the traditional baseball opening day.

Baseball/Softball- Sign-up underway and season will begin in late March or early April. Rec1 online registration is setup. 8u tryouts being held on 2/10 and 2/12. 8u coaches will be selected after the team is formed. The rec requirement for travel players is still being discussed. Participation of travel players in rec baseball is considered important. Removal of the lacrosse substitute to satisfy the rec requirement for travel players has support of the committee.

Facilities- Plans to have the turf cleaned and repaired for the spring. The rec department is receiving quotes to get fencing and baseball/softball scoreboards fixed. Rec dept would like to begin fundraising for a restroom/refreshment area at Municipal Field. Jason also raised the idea of creating sub accounts for fundraising in every sport as to better organize each sport's fundraising efforts.

Mayor's Wellness- Chairman Perneti presented an update from Dina Robinson's notes in her absence. The Second Annual Baskets 4 Franklin Lakes will take place Sunday June 1, rain or shine. Jason will reserve schools and in the case of rain the tournament will be moved inside. This year's tournament will raise funds for "The Dream Team", Johnny Damato, & The Mayor's Wellness Campaign. We have a goal of 100 registered teams (last year we had 68). Members are encouraged to obtain sponsors. Prizes to be determined. Mother Daughter Yoga Workshop will take place at ITC beginning Feb 26 and continuing through March.

New Business- Minutes have to be updated on Recreation and Parks Department website. Sport liaisons will not change for the coming year. The definition of this role will be discussed at the next meeting to insure

that we are optimizing the role and also to avoid any duplication of efforts with the Recreation Director. Robert Miller was elected to the Code of Conduct Committee to replace Jason Robinson. Code of Conduct Committee currently consists of Ron Carti (Chair), Thomas Perneti, Dina Robinson, Lisa Valvano, Robert Miller.

Motion to go into closed session

Coaches for lacrosse were reviewed and decided upon.

Motion to return to open session

Lacrosse coaches were unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn

Next meeting 3/17

In closed:

approval of lax coaches