

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

3/17/14

7:30PM

Borough Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was taken.

Roll Call

Joe Kelly, Lisa Valvano, Maureen Mclaughlin, Dina Robinson, Ron Carti, Jason Robinson, Mike Bedrin, Steve Mazzola, Rob Miller, Christine Christopoul, Thomas Perneti

No Guests attended.

Approval of Minutes

February minutes approved.

Recreation & Parks Director's Report

Recreation Director Jason Robinson's program update:

Football- Possibility of going to one jersey and having families from 5th through 8th grade purchase. Rob Miller brought up the idea of ordering extras and selling them as a fundraiser. Selling jerseys at The Eagles Nest in the past has been met with success. April 22, 29 jersey sizings. Registrations will be April-May time frame. Equipment will be distributed in June.

Basketball- Rec season through the 6th grade is finished. Seventh and eighth grade boys finish next week. Travel seasons are completed. Rec seasons were successful with the 5th and 6th grade boys seeing an extremely competitive season.

Things to improve for next year: 1) Get ahead of number of coaches needed so we are not scrambling in January, 2) Some rec coaches still are not taking travel players off of the floor for the required amount of time, 3) get referees for 3rd and 4th grade league more training.

Cheerleading- Registration in April.

Soccer- The rec department is scheduled to meet with a second outside vendor (Wildcats). The direction of the program will be decided after this meeting.

Lacrosse- Pulis will open soon. Evaluations will be ASAP. Due to coaching shortages, the 7th grade boys may just field one team. Paying coaches at the higher grades was discussed given the perpetual challenge of finding qualified lacrosse coaches. Jason will explore further. There are no baseline concussion tests for lacrosse. Further, there is not funding for football baseline concussion testing this year.

Baseball/Softball- 8u team selected. Sign ups for rec complete. Season begins early April. Practices begin this week. A parade for all spring sports was discussed (first weekend in May?).

Facilities- Grass fields will be monitored daily. Rec dept will invest where necessary. it would cost \$9000 to plow snow from Pulis field.

Old business- Jason introduced the travel letter. The lacrosse playing time policy (instituted in 2012) will be brought before the committee again.

Mayors wellness- Dina Robinson presented. Mother and Daughter yoga took place at ITC. It was rolled into modern teen mentoring. June 1 will be date for Baskets 4 Franklin Lakes. Gym Ratz will sponsor. Date is rain or shine as we have secured all schools in case of bad weather.

Motion to go into closed session

Coaches for baseball and softball were reviewed. Travel baseball personnel discussed.

Motion to go into open session

Baseball and softball coaches were unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn

Next meeting 4/21/14