

Recreation and Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Borough Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was taken.

Roll Call

Present: Christine Christopoul, Lisa Valvano, Kathy Stack, Brian Winters, Sara Kelly, Joe Kelly, Bob Thoma, John Ciurciu, Ed LaScala, Ron Carti, and Peter Sacco

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes were sent back for changes.

Recreation & Parks Director's Report

Baseball/Softball (Girls and Boys):

The draft has finished for Baseball. No issues were brought up with the draft and participation numbers are good. There were a great number of volunteers wanting to sign up as coaches. There are roughly ten – eleven children for each team. Opening day will be April 28th for a 10:00 am start. There will be a mini-parade down Pulis Avenue which should last about an hour. Refreshments will be available. There are more than adequate amount of fields for each team to practice. Practice has started. The Softball draft will take place after Spring Vacation.

Lacrosse:

Boys Lacrosse practice has started. The boys have the turf on Tuesday and Thursdays. Girls Lacrosse practice will be starting in a few weeks. It was discussed how the large field on Pulis will be divided into three smaller/separate fields. There will be a boy's tournament on May 19th for the 5th – 8th graders. Girls will have a mini-tournament. Average playing time should be about 12-16 games. There is an A and B team for grades 5th – 8th. The younger teams are split evenly.

Community Center Update:

A report was passed around of the breakdown of all active members. Currently there are a total of 121 active members. For the year 2011 a total of \$12,944 was brought in by the community center members.

A total of \$16,318.77 was brought in for the community center itself

- \$1,100 for room rentals
- \$789 for tent rentals
- \$14,449 for field rentals

Instructors are costing roughly \$26k for the year. Current month to month members are 39 adults, 13 seniors and 4 students and about 70% are local residents. It was brought up if the community center should be closed during summer months. Right now there is no discount to pay annually instead of month to month. A motion was passed to create incentive for members to pay up-front for six months to a year instead of paying month to

month. It was brought up that members were lost when the evening hours were cut short. Currently the community center is losing \$10-11k annually, but it is also functioning as a recreation office. A few different options were discussed to generate more revenue. One option was to offer classes for the hours of 4-5 to entice teachers to join the community center. Teachers and schools have been given information on how to join the center. There is a concern that if too many people were to join, the community center would not be able to accommodate everyone's needs. It was brought up that most people are more comfortable being members of an upscale gym because of the larger number of amenities offered.

Fall Registrations:

Registrations for Soccer, Football, and Cheerleading will begin April 30th – May 21st on Gameplan. A proposed fee change sheet was passed around. Football, Cheerleading, and Basketball will remain the same. Baseball and Soccer will accrue a slightly larger fee than last year. It was discussed that each sport should be paying for itself. Last time fees were increased was three years around. The cost of equipment was discussed. Baseball fees will be more in line with Basketball. It was brought up to add a combined fitness/tennis court membership. Fees for the tennis courts were discussed in how to divide up the age groups.

Proposed changes are:

- Fitness center will option discount for longer membership
- Fitness center/Tennis court membership combination
- Change the Basketball and Baseball fees

Motion for proposed changes, motion passed. Changes will be brought to Council tomorrow.

Old Business:

Peter Sacco discussed the K – 8 School Enrollments. In 2011 there were a total of 1,423 children enrolled and in 2006 the number was at 1,542 children. There was a drop of about 250 children per capita.

Next meeting will be May 21st.

Meeting adjourned.