

The February 8, 2018 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:30pm.

Present

President K. Barnes
V. President O. Dittamo
M. Pascucci
T. Mele
N. Ricca
D. Palazzo
J. Mancinelli

Absent

D. Alvino

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Mickey Pascucci seconded it.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani stated that at the last Republican Party meeting, Carolyn Fontanella announced she will not be running for reelection. The new candidate will be Lisa Palazzo. The Mayor and Council are pleased with the plans for Totowa Day which will be held on June 9th. Thinking of having fireworks, will work closely with the Fire Marshall. The pre-budget meeting was held on Tuesday-considering putting buses, concerts, town celebrations into recreation's budget.

Correspondence

None

Financial

\$25,669.51-2018 budget not included

Citizens to be Heard

Carla Grant was present-has looked into other towns and who they partner for for sports-Verona partners with Rutgers-they bring in programs for the children-can we do that? John Mancinelli will look into it, possibly partner with William Paterson University or Montclair State University.

Personnel

None

Field and Grounds

Fields are frozen!! The Geese Police are there now all year long. Anthony Sabatino stated that someone is still dumping bread in PAL's parking lot. Residents have been dropping off garbage in the PAL's dumpster which isn't allowed.

Permits

No permits will be issued for June 9th or 10th after 12:00pm because of Totowa Day. Mickey has received emails from Softball and Baseball. Mike Snell has spoken to Kevin regarding an outdoor hockey rink and a baseball team. Kevin tried to convince him to funnel his enthusiasm through the PAL to get the field time needed.

Pool

Closed-looking to hire

Old Business

None

New Business

Tubing trip-no sign ups; Yankee trip-Dan will look into it; Mets trip-Mickey will look into it

Bunny Breakfast- will be held on March 24th, we will meet at 7:30pm. Debbie Barone will get permission for use of building, John will contact the Brownstone. Sign ups will be March 14th and March 21st from 6:30-8:30pm. March 14th will be at our meeting and March 21st we will stuff bags for the breakfast.

Totowa Day

At the last meeting, we explained how the plans have been toned down for Totowa Day. It will be a family day. Businesses will be getting letters soon asking if they are interested in participating in the day. Food businesses will be asked if interested in selling food at the event. There will be no fees charged for participating in the event. Plans are on way for a DJ, concert, activities such as face painting, petting zoo, watermelon eating contest, dance performances, PV band performance, etc. We would like to change the activities each ½ hour. Plans are being considered to end the night with fireworks at 9:00pm. John has met with the fireworks company and they have been looking at the different locations to hold them such as the bank parking lot. Any plans are subject to final approval by the town's Fire Marshall. Totowa Day's next meeting will be February 27th.

Programs

See New Business

PAL

Anthony Sabatino stated that the dates for Totowa Day have been blocked out and the date for the 5K Run-October 20th has been blocked out also. Softball and baseball registration opens up online tomorrow-online only on their webpage TotowaPAL.com. Bingo was closed before Christmas after monitoring the finances for the past 2 years. Looking into a financial plan to be presented to bring it back. Looking for a new commissioner for Baseball and Softball. Need to redo the floor completely-cost to sand it is \$30,000 and rip it out would be \$105,000. The Fire Extinguishers have been redone. A trauma box has been installed in the building.

Report from the Director

John Mancinelli thanked Anthony Sabatino for the PAL's support and stated that the Board is always behind the PAL. John stated we have a lot going on this year and it's very exciting!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 14, 2018** at 7:30.

Registration for the Bunny Breakfast begins at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Oliver Dittamo and Nancy Ricca seconded the motion at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation