

The November 12, 2015 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Kevin Barnes.

**Present**

President K. Barnes  
Vice President O. Dittamo  
D. Palazzo  
M.Pascucci  
T. Mele  
J. Mancinelli  
D. Andriani

**Absent**

D. Alvino

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A correction was made to the previous minutes-Donna Alvino was present. Oliver Dittamo accepted the minutes of the previous meeting and Tom Mele seconded it.

**Council Liason**

Debbie Andriani stated that Carolyn Fontanella and Anthony Picarelli were re-elected in last week's election. Dan Palazzo was appointed to the board.

Debbie stated that there will be special fund raiser program held at TD bank on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> re:medical expenses for John Sole.

Debbie stated on behalf of the Mayor and Council that the board is made up of volunteers and the Mayor and Council appreciate all we do. We are all here as a community.

**Correspondence**

None received.

**Financial**

The financial report 's amount was \$47,553.83- open invoices-movie night # 2 still has not been paid

**Citizens to Be Heard**

Ricky Fasoli along with other parents and the Chairperson of the Woodland Park Soccer Association were present as citizens to be heard. Also at the meeting at the start were some children from their teams.

At the start of the discussion which started off aggressively, Debbie Andriani placed a phone call and requested the police attend the meeting in which they were present throughout the night.

R. Fasoli went to the last Mayor and Council meeting to request field time. Mayor Coiro told R. Fasoli to attend the Board of Recreation meeting.

R. Fasoli questioned the board as to what date did the board change their by-laws? K. Barnes, President stated that they were recently amended in completion but this has been a work in progress for many months.

R. Fasoli questioned if the reason he isn't getting a field is because now it is stated in the bylaws regarding no more than one traveling team in the same sport gets the fields. Previously I was told that there were no fields available.

K. Barnes stated that when he was told that, there were no available fields.

M. Fasoli stated that she is a tax payer on two homes in the borough and therefore should be allowed to have her children use the town's fields.

R. Fasoli stated that he was informed that in 2009, funding was given from Open Space funding , anyone can use those fields. He stated he was given this information by a Freeholder.

R. Fasoli stated he has a petition signed by many residents demanding that their children be allowed to play on the town's fields.

M. Fasoli stated she drives by the fields and takes pictures of the empty fields not being used. She stated that this is a vendetta against her husband.

R. Fasoli stated that the STING organized teams are like our teams, do they follow the same rules as us?

K. Barnes stated the board is here for recreation, not traveling teams that don't include our in town players as well. We support PAL teams-Recreation 1<sup>st</sup> and traveling 2<sup>nd</sup>.

R. Fasoli again questioned that the bylaws state only one traveling team on the fields. Does this mean we can't come on if another traveling team comes on the fields? At Tuesday night's Mayor and Council meeting, the Freeholder Director stated the field is not to be restricted to certain teams.

Debbie Andriani stated in response to the Freeholder's statement, that it was up to the municipality to decide what teams go on the fields.

R. Fasoli stated that he will go to the Freeholders that have stated that no restrictions are allowed and I will have my petition to present.

K. Barnes questioned Fasoli if he asked for use of Washington Park School's field?

R. Fasoli stated he did ask the board and was told that PAL has the fields first.

R. Fasoli also questioned the new fee of \$250- is this fee for all outside teams?

K. Barnes responded that yes, it was for all outside teams.

The W.Park director of the soccer association was present and stated that the in town teams get the fields first but then the fields are offered to us.

Throughout the discussion, Anthony Sabatino, Treasurer of the PAL was present and at many times responded to R. Fasoli on how the fields were being used and why according to schedules and circumstances that at times the fields could be empty. Also A. Sabatino responded to all the statements made by Fasoli regarding the PAL and their tax situation. Since that had no correlation to the discussion on the table, the board did not address that issue.

### **Personnel**

The board welcomed the new commissioner, Dan Palazzo.

### **Field and Grounds**

Reports have been submitted by Mickey Pascucci and Tom Mele. The lightbulbs still need to be replaced but needs to have a crane in use to do so.

The swing on Bogert is still broken.

### **Permits**

No new permits will be issued until Spring.

### **Pool**

The pool is closed.

### **Old Business**

The hayride was cancelled.

Debbie Andriani, Mayor Coiro, Joe Wassel, Bill Prosperi, and Kevin Barnes had a meeting regarding the Fasoli field request issues. It was stated that the Mayor and Council has given the board the power to be its own governing body. The board makes its own rules and is in charge. The board is allowed to change the rules at anytime.

### **New Business**

Tomorrow 42 adults will be attending our first Wine and Painting party held at the PAL. Uncorked Brush from Little Falls is coming in to hold the event. We will be supplying the fruit and cheese.

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Tree Lighting. We will again be serving hot chocolate and cookies compliments of the Mayor and Council. We will meet at 6:30pm.

### **Programs**

Skate Night-still working on a date-possibly end of February.

SPA 23 – Totowa night will be December 11<sup>th</sup>, 8pm-11pm where parents can drop off their children for activities or spend the night there joining them in the activities. Dinner/Dance-John is looking for bands –possibly sometime in March.

### **PAL**

Stated that they appreciate all the board does for them, thanks us for our help and will be sending a rep to our meetings each month.

### **Report from the Director**

See above reports.

The motion to adjourn was made by Tom Mele and seconded by Oliver Dittamo at 8:50pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

Secretary, Board of Recreation