

The March 9, 2017 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:30pm.

Present

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

Absent

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Oliver Dittamo and seconded by Donna Alvino.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani reported that the bid for the tennis courts has been awarded to Sita Construction Company. At the last council meeting the Geese Police Contract was approved for 12 months now. The Open Space Grant was applied for this year to be used for playground equipment for PAL and Bogert Street Parks.

Correspondence

Emails regarding recreation

Financial

The balance in the account is \$27,818.97.

Citizens to be Heard

There will be a three minute allowance, threshold for any citizens wishing to speak at the board meetings. Matthew Miller from The Anxiety & Depression Initiative, Inc. was present to discuss the non profit organization that promotes mental health through physical health in local community groups. Asked what recreation sources can they partner with- can go to summer camp and do workshops. He has already contacted Ann Krautheim at the library and will contact PAL and is interested in setting up a table at the Health Fair.

Personnel

John Mancinelli stated that anyone inquires about becoming a camp counselor, they must be 16 years old, Totowa resident, and need to send letter requesting application to the Recreation office. Lifeguards are to apply at Boro Clerk's office.

Fields and Grounds

Tom Mele reported that at Floyd Park, the picnic tables have been moved back.

At Bogert Street park, the broken slide has been removed and there is no need to replace it, and at Kennedy Field, the bleachers need to be moved. Mickey Pascucci reported that at PAL, the irrigation lines have been put in; a tree fell on the fence on Lincoln II- the tree has been removed but the fence remains damaged. At Lincoln I, the footage sign is down. Debie Andriani stated that she will ask for more signs – NO DOGS, NO BIKES Signs are also needed for Conduct-ZeroTolerance.

Permits

The field permit received from the Montclair Soccer Academy requesting field use, received from Dave Handal, was rejected due to no available fields. The organization was willing to pay and give back their time for our kids but because of no fields being available, the request was rejected.

Mickey Pascucci has all permits completed and needs to have them signed. He will be meeting with the commissioners from the different sports.

A request for a field permit for Minnisink Field was received from the WPSA for the following times:

Monday – Friday- 4pm – 10pm (field not available)

Saturday -9am -3pm (field not available)

The request was for the above days were for the months March through December

Sundays were requested for- April 2 – June 20

The board only gives out permits for one season at a time. Kevin will reply that the fields were not available for the dates he requested and that he can apply again for the next season's time period.

The schedule to apply for fields for each season are as follows:

February 1 – March 1 for spring season sports

May 1 – June 1 for summer season sports

August 1 – September 1 for fall season sports

By January 1st, we will get wording from the county regarding the fees to be charged.

Pool

John Mancinelli will meet before April 1st with Nicole and her dad-Pool managers and Pam, Pool Secretary.

Old Business

Daddy/Daughter Dance was held- next year will be more specific with registration on flyer in bold print- no payment at door and payment online will be through Paypal.

Thank you's need to be sent to Riverview Florist- Sammy Corrado; ShopRite for giving us 10% discount; Mrs. Panicucci for taking photos, and John Waryas- Municipal Alliance for some of the refreshments.

In the future we need more advance planning with more involved for an event this size.

New Business

Bunny Breakfast will be held April 1st at 9am. Signups will be Mar. 22nd- Mickey, Nancy, Kevin and on Mar. 29th- Oliver, Dan, Tom. Signups will be from 6pm – 7:30pm. We will meet at 7:30 am to decorate, John will take care of Brownstone and raffles, Debbie will take care of contests, Kevin will take care of the flyer and tickets.

Tom Mele is trying to do another Paint Night in the spring at the PAL.

The dinner dance has been cancelled since we have other events going on and it was too close to the breakfast.

Programs

Dan has the Yankee game booked for June 9th. 49 fits on the bus- \$55 tickets- Debbie Andriani will ask if the town could cover the charge of the bus.

PAL

Anthony Sabatino reported that the bathrooms are done. He thanked the board for leaving the building so clean after the daddy/daughter dance. April 8th is handbag bingo. Opening day is set for April 22nd- games will start that week. May 13th there is a football beefsteak fundraiser. Elections will be held on May 20th. Basketball is starting playoffs. The registration numbers for baseball and softball are the same as last year.

Report from the Director

John reported that Don Cerrone has contacted him and asked will Debbie Andriani be getting a stage to be used for our concerts.

The country band will not be available for our concerts this summer. Tom has an 80's music band in mind to ask. The first summer concert will be held on June 28th.

At the next meeting we have to decide on what posters and how to advertise.

An idea for the future might be to have the Powerhouse Studios come in and do adult games where teams vs each other – cost would be about \$1800. Possibly have Bd of Recreation vs. PAL Board.

Mother/ Son activity has been requested- possibly a cook off.

The motion to adjourn was made by Oliver Dittamo and Nancy Ricca seconded it at 9:15pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

Secretary, Board of Recreation