

The April 13, 2017 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:30pm.

Present

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

Absent

D. Barone

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Oliver Dittamo and seconded by Mickey Pascucci

Citizens to be Heard

Three Kindergarten parents, Jennifer Britting, Lisa and Al Moreno were present and would like to become more involved. Jennifer suggested a Mother-Son Bowling night at T-Bowl lanes. She called and received some info and dates. Includes 2 games, slice of pizza, soda, and shoe rentals \$17 per person. A \$200 deposit is required. T-Bowl can pre-set names and print out league line up sheets. Moms vs. Son, etc. Cash bar is also available.

John Mancinelli said that he will call Oakland Lanes because they are very accommodating and uses them for camp. The board also agreed that June is too busy and will look into a late September date for Mom-Son outing.

The parents also would like more communication via the web and would like to get information earlier. The board already has the plan to create a mailing list and will follow through.

Jennifer also suggested setting up a table during Back to School night.

There will be a three-minute allowance, threshold for any citizens wishing to speak at the board meetings.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani reported that the lawn care company the town uses is switching from Harvest to Lawn Dr. The irrigation system is almost done at the PAL. This includes restoring what has been destroyed. Lincoln 90 will be ready to be used by Wednesday night. It was also reported that a letter from the PAL was received inviting the Board of Recreation to opening day on April 22nd at 10 am on Lincoln 90.

Correspondence

John is receiving letters and applications for camp counselors and lifeguards. He

will also be emailing all workers from last year to see if they would like to return to work this summer. John also reported that the American Legion is having their May 28th parade at 1 pm and we are invited to participate.

Financial

The balance in the account is \$9208.12. New balance next month will be added. Photo booth paid and two checks were cut for summer concerts. The Bunny Breakfast cost us \$1200. Over \$3000 needs to be paid to the Brownstone for the breakfast still.

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 must be CPR certified and trained.

Fields and Grounds

Tom Mele sent report to Kevin. Tree limbs down at various parks. Mickey Pascucci will email report. There was another complaint about PAL park suggesting rubber mats be placed at the end of the slides. A grant was put in for new PAL park equipment.

Permits

Mickey has compiled a sheet that breaks up permits by field names. He will scan, copy and email the excel worksheet and completed permit sheet to the board. Each group that has been granted field use was already given a copy of dates and permit breakdowns.

Kevin also stated the continued importance of Sting participants continuing to play for town rec.

Pool

John Mancinelli met with Nicole and Pam, Pool Secretary. They will be meeting with Jimmy and the inspector a couple of times in the near future to go over sanitary code.

Sign ups for camp and pool are Wednesday, May 17th and Wednesday, May 24th at the library from 6:30-9:00. It is requested that all board of recreation members attend to help out both nights. We also put in a library request for both rooms to help with traffic flow on sign up nights. Kevin will make signs for sign ups allocating the designated areas, such as A-M, new members, picture station, renewing, etc.

For people interested in signing up for both, they must sign up with the camp first to get the discount.

August and weekend memberships for pool are gone and will not be included in pamphlet this year due to low registrations.

Guest passes have increased from 200 to 500. 3 books per family are allowed at

maximum~10 passes in each book.

Pamphlets for pool, camp, and summer concerts will go out in mail May 3rd.

Oliver suggested to add the summer concert listings into the flyer.

Old Business

Summer concerts still have two dates open. Possibly a kid-friendly band and the last event will be a Totowa's Got Talent Showcase.

Debbie Andriani called the county to look into a stage for summer concerts and they said they rent it from Clifton. She is still looking for a portable stage.

Bunny Breakfast was a huge success. The left over food was donated to Eva's Kitchen. Next year we need to supply water and it was suggested to have fruit as well. Also, if the weather is nice, we can expand the scavenger hunt to outside.

New Business

PBA is holding the second annual food truck fest. The Board of Recreation will supply the band again. We are reaching out to 40 North Band to see if they are available for the Saturday, May 20th date.

Yankee game is scheduled for Friday, June 9th. We need to make a flyer that states the limited amount of seats available on the bus. Looking to have sign ups during our next meeting.

Mickey is working on putting together a Mets game trip. Tom is working on arranging a Paint Night.

Programs

See above

PAL

Elections will be held on April 20th.

Report from the Director

John reported that John Bricks will be supplying the snacks for the snack bar at the pool. Pool needs a freezer, maybe get a loaner.

John's son, Jonathan will not be involved in the camp this year. Brianna and John continue to meet to get things ready for camp. Camp will be held from June 26th – August 4th. They have one family trip in the works.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

Secretary, Board of Recreation