

The May 10, 2018 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:30pm.

Present

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

Absent

D. Alvino
M. Pascucci

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Nancy Ricca seconded it.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani reported that Lisa Palazzo will be our new Councilwoman. New equipment has been approved for Kennedy Field along with rubber mulch. PAL will be next to receive new equipment. Both park's equipment is being funded by an Open Space grant. Greg Luciano has been hired as the new pool manager. Flyers for Pool/Camp registration are in the mail.

Correspondence

Applications are being received for Counselor positions. Must be 16 years old.

Financial

The current balance is \$25,669.51. The 2018 budget has not been moved over yet.

Citizens to be Heard

Carla Grant was present to express a concern regarding Kennedy Field. She complimented that the field looks great but the bleachers by 1st baseline are dangerous to be sitting on. Kevin received an email from Julie Alessandrelli and will speak to Jim Niland on solving this problem. Possibly extending the fence in front of the bleachers.

Personnel

Greg Luciano has been hired as the pool manager.

Field and Grounds

Mickey Pascucci submitted his report. The fields all look great. Dan Palazzo stated that a fuse is still blowing at Lincoln II and causing issues with the lights. The batting cages need to be cleaned out. Tom Mele submitted his report and stated the fields look great. Nancy Ricca questioned whether the lightning detectors are working and they are.

Permits

Women's Softball requested a permit. St. James School requested a permit for their field day on June 7th from 9am to 12pm.

Pool

The pool continues to have work done on the renovations. Sign ups for pool membership will be held on May 16th and 23rd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Old Business

John Mancinelli found a bus for hire for the METS game for \$1180. The bus will leave at 10:45am. Our summer concerts are set with one date remaining open in August.

New Business

Dan Palazzo discussed recent concerns regarding the size of Minnisink Field playing area. Recent discussion has been about redoing the field to be a 50x70 field to utilize it more. New Beginnings Landscaping has volunteered to cut out the sod, materials needed would be donated at no cost to the town. The irrigation would be taken care of from donations from PV Sting. The question was brought up if it would interfere with the soccer league playing there? Dan said that it would not. Another concern was brought up that there could be issues with teams using it that include children from other towns. John and Kevin will present the idea.

Totowa Day

Plans are moving along. Julie Alesandrelli presented a copy print of the layout of the grounds at the last Totowa Day meeting. Performances, concert, fireworks have all been set. There will be carnival attractions and a photo booth. The Boy Scouts will present the flags, the national anthem will be sung by Alexandra Paese, and Mayor John Coiro will officially welcome everyone and open up the event. Kevin made a banner advertising the event and Jim Niland said he will hang it.

Programs

Camp signups will be held on May 16th and May 23rd, with a last sign up on June 6th from 6:30-8:30.

PAL

Nothing to report

Report from the Director

John thanked Kevin for making the Totowa Day banner, flyers, and all the work done for this event. John stated how he is looking forward to Totowa Day, it is going to be a big party for 10,000 people.

Motion to adjourn was made by Danny Palazzo and Oliver Dittamo seconded the motion at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation