

The February 13, 2019 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
D. Palazzo
M. Pascucci
N. Ricca
J. Mancinelli
D. Andriani

Absent

D. Alvino

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Mickey Pascucci made a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting held and it was seconded by Dan Palazzo.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani announced the recent promotion of the police department: Keith Schaeffer and Frank DeCeglie were both promoted to Captain Jerry Tolomeo, Joe Tomasello, and Jim Eisele were promoted to Lieutenants. There is money left over from the Open Space grant so more swings have been ordered for PAL park. The park at Washington Park School will have new equipment installed because of the equipment company matching our funds spent.

Correspondence

Mark Monteyne will take over all emails when he receives a computer. Kevin Barnes recommended emailing the bands to confirm summer concerts.

Financial

The current balance is \$38,695,73. Open invoices. 2019 budget not moved over yet by auditors. Mark Monteyne stated he received two invoices for repairs done on the scoreboard on the football field and the scoreboard inside the PAL building. The board decided as a courtesy we will pay the outside invoice but not responsible for anything inside the building, that is the responsibility of the PAL. Going forward we need to approve the repairs outside first. This invoice we will pay is for \$1384.

Citizens to be Heard

Carla Grant questioned when the fencing at Kennedy Field was going to be completed by 1st base as an extension of the fence there as a safety precaution. Jim Niland has been contacted about that in the past, he will be contacted again. She also asked is there a way to be contacted on rainy days up at the pool if the pool was to reopen after the rain stopped. Possibly put something on Facebook or the website if the pool reopens. Joe Sicieska suggested a Facebook page

for pool announcements.

Personnel

The process will be starting to hire camp counselors and lifeguards. Mark Monteyne recommended having the counselors fingerprinted and having a background check done on them. Debbie Andriani stated that the Boro Attorney recommended it as a procedure moving forward.

Field and Grounds

Nets need to be checked at Kennedy Field. Geese Police has been ongoing.

Permits

Requests have been received from Softball, Baseball, and STING.

Pool

Mark Monteyne stated that the benches are warped and need to be repainted. Many piles of rocks and gravel that need to be removed. Mark suggests maybe going to Home Depot or other businesses for donations for some upgrades at pool.

Old Business

None

New Business

Totowa Day-Kevin asked who would want to chair Totowa Day with Mark Monteyne- Tom Mele will. Anne Krautheim would like a schedule of dates for meetings to check if library will be available. The board agreed to have the meetings one hour before the scheduled Board of Recreation meetings. We are changing our policy this year that no electricity will be provided to the vendors and the time will be changed from 4pm-8pm. Mark asked can the food vendors give out their food without charging for it? The board did not think this would work out, running out of food and they charged last year, might not want to return this year then. It was decided then that the vendor would have to give something to the customers-possibly samples, free drink, 10% coupon, etc. The next Totowa Day meeting will be held on February 20th at 7:30pm and moving forward the hour before the Board of Recreation meeting.

John Mancinelli has all the summer concerts set up:

Jersey Sound-June 26th

Counterfitters-July 10th

Julian and Dominique- July 17th

Infernos-July 24th

Greg Calderone-July 31st

Dan Palazzo has booked the Yankee trip for May 18th- 1:00pm game

The Board of Recreation has hired and paid for the bus for the PAL's hockey trip on March 30th.

Mark Monteyne discussed starting a walking group focusing on the Seniors- Happy Seniors, Totowa Seniors, St. James Seniors- walking club using the PAL walking trail. Mark also suggested bringing back bingo at the Community Center. Carla Grant stated that Holy Angels had purchased a digital program that maybe Mark could look into.

PAL

The PAL made \$410 from the fundraiser at Robert's Scratch Kitchen. Their next

fundraiser is at TikiBowl later this month. April 13th is slated to be opening day. Because of this, the Bunny Breakfast will be moved to April 6th.

Report from the Director

Mark Monteyne will reach out to other towns for their calendars to look for ideas for the future- possibly for 2020.

Motion to adjourn was made by Oliver Dittamo and Mickey Pascucci seconded the motion at 9:20pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation