

# *Burlington Township Recreation Commission*

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August 8, 2016  
19:00

Chairman Pizzigoni called the Recreation Commission Meeting to order noting the Open Public Meeting Act has been honored with notices sent to The Burlington County Times and The Camden Courier post for all meetings scheduled for the Year 2016. A notice of meeting dates has been posted on the official bulletin boards in the Municipal Complex on Old York Road and the Recreation Building on Lake Ave. A copy is also on file with the Township Clerk.

Commissioners present were Matt Addiego, Jim Angelillo, Gene Camm, Tina Carpenter, Lisa Clotter, Anthony Pizzigoni, and Matt Senni.  
Commissioner John DiDonato was not in attendance.

Council Representative Mike Cantwell was in attendance, as was Recreation Director Diane Flannery.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

At this time, there was no correspondence.

After a review of the June 13, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Camm to accept the minutes. Commissioner Angelillo seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

**Steve Macrae**, President of the BTSCF Foundation, advised the Commission that, as of the end of July the financial balance was approximately \$54,000, although the figure is closer to \$74,000 now. Mr. Macrae then reminded the Commission that each program needed to identify a representative to attend the quarterly BTSCF meetings. He asked that the Commissioners provide this information by 8/15/16.

Commissioner Camm asked Mr. Macrae if a new Foundation President has been identified since Mr. Macrae will be stepping down. Mr. Macrae advised that he will be speaking to a potential candidate this week, but he would still remain involved to assist with the financial reporting. The next BTSC Foundation meeting will be held on 9/12/16.

**Stan Simon**, a representative from Claire's Gourmet foods gave a short fundraising presentation to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Simon stated that all orders would be submitted and then shipped to one location. The average profit per item sold is \$5.40.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Commissioner Angelillo** advised that Fall Baseball registration for ages 8 and up is open with a scheduled end date of Aug 15, 2016. The Fall Plan is to play TSE for some teams and Delran Friendship league for the remaining teams.

The 2016 Summer Season was another success with many tournaments won, another District Title for 9U and a successful trip to Cooperstown NY for the 12U team winning 5 games and placing 11th out of 48 teams. The 12U Team also went undefeated and won the TSE Championship in their division. The 2017 12U Team is making arrangements now for their destination in August 2017, the favored destination is Myrtle Beach - Cal Ripken.

Special thanks to Diane, Barbara and the recreation team for ensuring the excellent field quality throughout the summer tournaments. The visiting teams complimented the facilities and fields with special attention to the new Skimmer 2 topping. Considerations are underway for re-conditioning Skimmer 1 which may open the field to Softball.

Commissioner Pizzigoni asked if the 2017 12U team does not opt to go to Cooperstown would our program lose the invitation. Commissioner Angelillo stated that the program would lose the continual selection of the desired week.

**Commissioner Clotter** reported that cheer practice is underway. Practices are being held at Green Acres on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Registration had been slow but numbers are starting to improve. The cheerleading parent meeting is scheduled for 8/15/16 in the Community Room.

**Commissioner Senni** advised that we will field 11 travel soccer teams for the fall season. Practices began today. The SJ league has enacted new age guidelines changing from a 7/31 to 12/31 cutoff date. The league is also implementing new field sizes starting with this season. The new dimensions have been forwarded to the Recreation Department. Games are scheduled to start on 9/10/16.

In regards to Friendship soccer, registration numbers are low but rosters are starting to be assembled. The start date for friendship will be 9/10/16 or 9/17/16.

**Commissioner Addiego** reported that the Hockey Association will meet this month to re-appoint members to the association and to pinpoint a representative for BTSCF. He also discussed the possibility of moving the Hockey Fun Fest from November to October in hopes of better weather resulting in increased participation.

**Commissioner Camm** thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing the 12U softball team's recent league championship. Tryouts will be held for fall softball with the possibility of fielding three teams.

There is no report for basketball and volleyball registrations are currently ongoing.

**Commissioner Pizzigoni** reported football practices have begun but numbers are low with about 100 kids registered. Low numbers have been reported throughout the SJYFL. Equipment handouts are scheduled for 8/11/16 and 8/12/16. Dick's will be hosting a "team day" on 8/13/16. Commissioner Pizzigoni will distribute coupons as they can be used on items other than football gear. First game is schedule for 9/17/16. We will again be hosting the league weigh-ins scheduled for 9/10/16 at the BTMS. Coaches and team moms have been advised that a state police background check will be performed on all volunteers.

Our tennis instructor, CHRC, has agreed to extend our program for one week to make up for some dates lost to poor weather.

There is no report for wrestling.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Recreation Director Diane Flannery thanked BTSCF President Steve Macrae for the work he's done to "right the ship." His efforts made a big difference and he is very much appreciated.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Mike Cantwell also thanked Steve Macrae for doing an excellent job with the Foundation. He also advised that the background check proposal should come before Council in September. There is a business scheduled to come in to discuss the US Pipe property.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson Pizzigoni asked Director Flannery for an update on on-line registration. Director Flannery advised that overall, it has been successful. Although there are things to be worked out, the Director sees this as a good fit and a step forward.

Commissioner Clotter asked if not sending flyers to the school were hurting our participation. The commissioners discussed advertising registrations on the Falcon Flyer, via program Facebook pages, and utilizing the electronic sign.

Councilman Cantwell asked the commission if numbers were down because of kids leaving BT to play in other towns. The commission sited concussion concerns, year round participation in a particular program, and kids progressing beyond recreation level programs to enroll in more competitive ones.

Commissioner Pizzigoni advised he has had discussions with Director Flannery and Commissioner Camm regarding starting a summer flag football program next year. This will provide another summer program and maybe create more interest for fall football.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Angelillo proposed that the fee for youth baseball increase to include a \$30 rider due to the rising cost of officials. After some discussion, Chairman Pizzigoni formed a subcommittee of Commissioners Angelillo, Camm, and Carpenter to put together a proposal which would ultimately have to be adopted by Council.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Commission was informed that \$16,691.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer in June 2016, and \$26,070 was turned over to the Township Treasurer in July 2016.

Commissioner Clotter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Addiego. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:40.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Diane Flannery

Cc: Mayor and Council  
Administrator  
Clerk's Office