

*Burlington Township Recreation Commission
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April 11, 2016
19:00

Chairperson Pizzigoni called the monthly 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 this and 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 Avenue. A copy is also on file with the Township Clerk.

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

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

At this time, the Recreation Commission viewed a video regarding the Rights and Duties of a Volunteer in Local Government.

CORRESPONDENCE

At this time, there was no correspondence.

After a review of the March 14, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Angelillo to accept the minutes. Commissioner DiDonato seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

As there was no one from the public, Chairperson Pizzigoni closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner DiDonato reported indoor track was over and three athletes were being recognized by Mayor and Council on April 12, 2016. The Spring track program has started with 86 participants. The first meet was last weekend. The committee for background checks will be forwarding information to the Recreation Director shortly.

Commissioner Senni advised that Spring travel soccer is underway. The deadline to register for tryouts for teams for the Fall is April 15. Tryouts will probably be held the last week of April and the first and second week in May. There will be teams for both boys and girls in the U9 to U14 divisions.

Commissioner Angelillo indicated baseball is in half swing and will be in full swing next week with a total of 28 teams in the spring program, which includes 7 travel teams and 21 recreation teams. An additional 3 Babe Ruth teams are planned for May. The teams have begun games at older divisions and travel teams. The game schedule has been uploaded to the baseball website to include softball events. Many parents, players, opposing teams, and umpires have complimented on the field improvements to Skimmer 2 ball field. Thank you to Recreation for working on satellite fields now that the weather is starting to cooperate. Thanks also to Diane, Barb, and guys for continuous communication and field maintenance. Some important dates to remember:

- March 26 – Recreation practices begin for the Hi Rookie/Lo Rookie Division
- April 4 – 1st games for older divisions (Majors/AAA/Minors)
- April 16 – 1st games for Hi Rookie/Lo Rookie Division
- April 29 – Designer Bag Bingo
- May 14 – Pancake breakfast at Applebee's
- May 21 – Closing Day Ceremonies and Picture Day

Commissioner Addiego indicated equipment pick up and evaluation nights were held for roller hockey. Rosters are now being put together, as are game schedules. Tuesday and Wednesday nights will probably be used for games. Jersey pick up will be April 12 with games starting April 13. The season should end around May 22 with championship games.

Commissioner Carpenter reported cheerleading is over for 2015 and tryouts for the Jr. Rec. and Middle School teams for next season are being discussed.

In **Commissioner Camm's** absence, Chairperson Pizzigoni read his report as follows:

The softball season should have been underway, but due to the weather, 13 games are being rescheduled from last week. April 11 will be the actual first time any of the teams play games. The program is fielding a total of 10 teams: (1) – 6U, (3) – 8U, (2) – 10U, (3) – 12U, and (1) – 15U. Special thanks to coordinated efforts of Recreation and Baseball to refurb Skimmer #2 and obtaining volunteers to modify the dugouts.

Commissioner Pizzigoni reported Spring football has started practices and will begin games Saturday, April 16. Although we participated in Spring football last year, this is the first year for the South Jersey Independent Youth Football Association. This is the league that football participates in during the fall. There are 31 boys on the team. Thanks to Diane, Barb, and Rec for arranging and helping out with equipment distribution. Comm. Pizzigoni indicated there are some important by-law changes in the football league effective this upcoming Fall season regarding age and weight class. There will be five age/weight classes and the player's age for the season will be based on their age as of October 1 of the current football season. The new age/weight restrictions are:

- 5-6 years old as of October 1 – 70 lbs., weight restricted
- 7-8 years old as of October 1 – 85 lbs., weight restricted
- 9-10 years old as of October 1
 - 95 lbs. and under – players can play any position
 - 96 lbs. and up – players are restricted to play tackle-to-tackle
- 11-12 years old as of October 1
 - 110 lbs. and under – players can play any position
 - 111 lbs. and up – players are restricted to play tackle-to-tackle
- 13-14 years old as of October 1 – no restrictions

Comm. Pizzigoni – cont'd.

This season background checks will be performed for all coaches and team mothers. On June 25, Township will be hosting the Rod Streater/Kashif Moore free football camp at Green Acres II. The camp will include cheerleading as well.

Thank you to Mayor Carlin and Council for recognizing the best of the best wrestling champions on March 22. Regarding the upcoming tennis program, the Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club will once again be running the program. It will be limited to 48 participants. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from July 11 through August 17. The Racquet Club will also be running a tennis camp for children ages 5 to 12 from June 27 to June 30 and also Aug. 22 to Aug. 25. Classes will be from 9 am to 12:30 pm. The cost of the camp will be \$205.00. 10% will be donated back to our programs.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Director Flannery advised that Summer/Fall registrations will open on May 14 and 21. The Recreation building will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on those Saturdays. She is looking to use the football program as a pilot for online registrations. She reminded the Commissioners to complete their financial disclosure information. All were given PIN numbers to complete the process. Special thanks to Mickey Foltiny for running the Spring non-travel soccer program as it is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Chad Brewer for working on the dugouts at Skimmer; his group did an amazing job.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell reported the budget passed and that Clean Up Day is April 16, 2016. Congressman MacArthur will be on hand to give out prizes.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Pizzigoni asked about background checks. Rec. Director Flannery indicated she would disseminate the information as soon as she receives and it will probably start with Fall programs.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$8,794.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of March, 2016.

Commissioner DiDonato then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Angelillo. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

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cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office