

*Burlington Township Recreation Commission*  
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February 8, 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: Jim Angelillo, Gene Camm, Anthony Pizzigoni, Matt Senni, and John DiDonato. Commissioners Matt Addiego, Tina Carpenter, and Lisa Clotter were 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 January 11, 2016 reorganization and regular 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 in the public to speak, Chairperson Pizzigoni closed this portion of the meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Commissioner Senni** had no report regarding travel or indoor soccer at this time.

**Commissioner DiDonato** had no report regarding field hockey, but indicated indoor track is going well and should conclude the end of February. Registrations for Spring track are now being accepted.

**Commissioner Angelillo** indicated recreation and travel baseball registrations are open with recreation deadline 2/15/16, and travel 2/20/16. A final decision has not been made regarding whether travel teams from majors division will be playing recreation, as the decision will be based from recreation registrations. Meetings with coaches and board members in January and February included some great discussions and plans. At the last meeting, a Youth Arm Care Clinic was held with clinic time and instruction free from Nova Care. A coaches' clinic will also be held on 3/5/16 at the Cherry Hill Academy, also donated free from the Academy. The next board meeting is 2/22/16 at 8 pm in the Sylvan Lake meeting room. Some important dates are as follows:

- Feb. 15 – Recreation deadline
- Feb. 16-27 – Evaluations with date/time to be determined
- Feb. 28 – Recreation Draft
- March 12 – Recreation practices begin
- March 15-17 – Travel evaluations
- April 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> games for older divisions
- April 9 – Opening Day Ceremony/Pictures
- May 14 – Pancake breakfast at Applebee's
- June 4 – Recreation Championship games

**Commissioner Camm** reported the joint venture with girls' basketball between Burlington Twp. and Florence has been working well with positive feedback. It gives the girls an opportunity to play with others their own age, as opposed to 4<sup>th</sup> graders playing with 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Travel basketball has a couple of weeks left and both boys and girls will start playoffs the end of February. They should be finished by the second week of March. Regarding softball, the teams will compete in the Riverfront League. This will enable the Commissioner to possibly field 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 15U teams. Cutoff for registrations will be 2/25/16 with evaluations and draft the weekend of 2/27/16. Games will start the first week of April.

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

Playoffs for street hockey will be played Saturday, Feb. 20, with a rain out date of Sunday, Feb. 21. The championship games will be played Saturday, Feb. 27 with a rain date on Sunday, Feb. 28. The Commissioner is requesting the snack shack be open for both playoffs and championship games. The Winter Classic will be played the same day as the championship games, which will consist of all players in the Squirt Division. Players from all three teams will be combined to form two new teams based on skill level. The Commissioner is requesting jerseys be provided ahead of time and preferably not blue, green or orange. Time will be set aside between the Bantam and Pee-Wee championship games to have the children who participated in the clinic come out and play, known as Mites on Ice. The championship game schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 am – Bantam Division Championship
- 12:15 pm – Mites on Ice
- 1:00 pm – Winter Classic Game
- 2:30 pm – Mayors Cup (Pee-Wee) Championship Game

The street hockey program is also hosting the following two fundraisers:

- Feb. 28 – Skate Night at Holiday Skate Center - \$5 per skater and \$2 per non-skater
- March 8 – For adults only at Third State Brewing in Burlington City - \$35 per person from 7 to 10 pm, which includes beer, wine, and pizza. Tickets are limited to 50 people.

In **Commissioner Clotter's** absence, Chairperson Pizzigoni advised the Commission that the National Cheerleading Competition was over with the following outcome:

- High School Varsity – Finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- High School Jr. Varsity – Finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Recreation's Jr. High Squad – Finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place
- Jr. Recreation Squad – Finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place
- The Sparkle Squad (Special Needs team) placed 1<sup>st</sup> and received a standing ovation.

**Commissioner Pizzigoni** reported football will be participating in a Spring Football League once again for the junior high level only. More info will follow. Regarding wrestling, the participants are young, but competitive. Congratulations to Anthony Cook for qualifying for the State Wrestling Championship at the Sun National Bank Center in Trenton on March 13. He finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Districts in order to qualify. The rec wrestlers were announced at the High School's wrestling match on February 3, as part of the Future Falcons program. Thank you to Council President Carl Schoenborn for coming out to support the kids. The home wrestling meet scheduled for February 14, which was a make up from the snow storm, has been cancelled due to unavailability of competition. Picture day is Saturday, February 13. Regarding tennis, Comm. Pizzigoni is in talks with Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club to come back for a second year to instruct. They did a phenomenal job last year.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Recreation Director Flannery reminded the Commissioners to advise of any changes to the 2016 Summer/Fall registration form by March 21, 2016. She then thanked Mickey Foltiny who is still helping out with indoor soccer. His help is really appreciated.

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Council Representative Mike Cantwell indicated Mayor and Council are in the process of looking at the budget and everything is going well.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson Pizzigoni indicated the Commission's budget for 2016 will mirror the budget from 2015. He also advised he is pushing for background checks and making it mandatory for football this year, probably for coaches, assistant coaches, and team moms. He would, however, like to see it for all programs, as would Commissioner Angelillo.

Rec. Director Flannery advised she is doing the legwork regarding background checks and talking to other municipalities. As soon as she receives information, she will send out to the Commission. Items to think about are the cost, criteria, and record keeping. If affordable, the cost would be covered by Recreation's budget.

Chairperson Pizzigoni believes it will be necessary to have a data base because some people coach more than one sport, to make it easier to track.

At this time (19:18), Commissioner DiDonato left the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Commission was informed that \$10,620.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of January, 2016.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:25.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

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cc: Mayor and Council  
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