

*Burlington Township Recreation Commission
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May 9, 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 at start of meeting were: Matt Addiego, Jim Angelillo, Tina Carpenter, Lisa Clotter, and Anthony Pizzigoni. Commissioner Gene Camm entered late. Commissioners Matt Senni and John DiDonato 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 April 11, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Angelillo to accept the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter 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 Angelillo indicated baseball is in full swing, with an additional three Babe Ruth teams planned for the next week or two. The weather has been challenging and an updated game schedule has been uploaded to the Baseball website to include softball events. Games were played this previous Saturday only because the Coaches Association tarped the fields. The 12U Cooperstown team has exceeded their fundraising goal commitment as of May 2, 2016. Thank you to Diane and Barb for continuous communication and Staff for field maintenance. Important dates to remember are May 14 which is a pancake breakfast at Applebee's and May 21 which is the rescheduled Baseball Ceremony and Picture Day.

Commissioner Addiego advised roller hockey is a third of the way finished. Due to the weather, the season will be extended a week or two. Make up games have not been scheduled yet as the Commissioner is waiting to hear from coaches regarding outside events the players may have. Hopefully, they will start utilizing weekends to play games. Comm. Addiego is hoping teams will play a 10-12 game season before playoffs begin. He will advise Recreation of the playoff schedule.

Commissioner Clotter reported tryouts for the extended season squad were held May 2-5. On Thursday, May 12, final evaluations will be made as to who is on the squad after they have a parent meeting to discuss finances, commitment, etc. The parents must sign a form indicating their knowledge of all. A final roster will then be submitted to Recreation. Burlington Twp. High School is considering a summer clinic which the Commissioner will recommend. This will also help her evaluate newer participants. There will be a Cheerleading Coaches' meeting on May 22 to finalize the 2016-2017 calendar, as well as the closing date for registrations, parent meeting date, etc. The extended season squad will be participating in a camp at the Atlantic City Convention Center in July.

Commissioner Camm thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing the 3rd grade basketball team coached by Will Felder. Regarding softball, the weather is really hurting and the program will now run two weeks later into June than originally scheduled. Comm. Camm noted fields are in good condition, even at the Middle School. Township teams are all very competitive this year with two of the 12U teams tied for first place at this time.

In **Commissioner DiDonato's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni read his report as follows: The Spring track season is in full swing. Burlington Twp. will host track meets three straight weekends for the first time in a while, starting May 14. Fundraising activities (concession stand) have been coordinated through the BTSC Foundation. Regarding field hockey, a 3rd-5th grade field hockey camp began last Friday and will go on for the next four weeks. Proceeds will go towards the BTSC Foundation and field hockey program.

Commissioner Pizzigoni reported the Jr. High Spring football team is 4-0. They will be playing Pennsauken this weekend, at Pennsauken, who is also undefeated. Regarding the upcoming tennis program, registrations will open on May 14. The program will be capped at 48 registrants.

At this time (19:13), Chairman Pizzigoni reopened the Public Portion of the meeting to allow resident **Paul Williamson** of 554 Cornell Road to address the Commission. Mr. Williamson indicated parents of girls participating in the softball program believe the girls are not getting anything, (i.e., tee shirt, visor) to keep like the baseball program does or other towns do for the \$30 registration fee they pay. The softball jerseys the girls are issued are to be returned to the Recreation Dept. when the program is finished.

Comm. Camm responded to Mr. Williamson indicating you cannot compare one town to another without knowing what they charge to play. The \$30 registration fee does not go back to the Recreation Dept. to use for the program; it is put into the Township's general fund. That being said, the softball program does have a budget, whereby Comm. Camm pays for umpires and six new sets of jerseys were ordered for this season. Hats/visors were not ordered as most girls do not use them. Nowadays, the girls tend to use a face mask which the parents go out and purchase on their own. Comm. Camm also advised Mr. Williamson the baseball program asks the parents to make a suggested donation of \$25 for the T-shirt and hat they can keep. Baseball also obtains sponsors to help cover the cost. Softball seems to have minimal volunteerism in order for this to happen.

Comm. Angelillo indicated hats/visors for softball could be placed on the spirit wear site and parents could purchase if they wanted to.

At 19:25, the reopened Public Portion of the meeting was closed and the Commission returned to the regular meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Director Flannery advised the Recreation Dept. would be open on Saturdays, May 14 and 21 from 10 am to 2 pm. Registrations for Summer/Fall programs will begin on May 14. Registrations for football will begin online in the beginning of June.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell had no report, but answered a question regarding Mall development from Comm. Angelillo. Mayor and Council are waiting for the developer to submit a request for a redevelopment zone, which they have not done yet, in order to proceed with the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Pizzigoni asked about the list regarding what crimes would eliminate a person from coaching with regards to background checks. After a discussion, with some changes being requested to the list, Director Flannery indicated she would consult with the Township Solicitor and have the information for the next Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$1,800.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of April, 2016.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:35.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

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cc: Mayor and Council
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