

Burlington Township Recreation Commission
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April 13, 2015
19:00

Recreation Chairman Anthony 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 2015. 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: Tina Carpenter, Mickey Foltiny, Anthony Pizzigoni, Matt Senni, and John DiDonato. Commissioner Chris Sabatino entered late. Commissioners Gene Camm, Lisa Clotter, and Jim Angelillo were not in attendance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

At this time, there was no correspondence.

After a review of the March 9, 2015 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Foltiny to accept the minutes. Commissioner DiDonato seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Steve Macrae, President of the BTSC Foundation, advised there is approximately \$65,000 in their account. Regarding the bowling fundraiser, the event raised \$3,000 and was very successful. There was a lot of positive feedback and this will become an annual event. Thanks to all who helped. The 76'er basketball tickets raised \$2,500 and the BTSCF has once again been given a Wal-Mart grant in the amount of \$2,000. Wal-Mart also donated a basketball hoop which will be raffled off. The proceeds from this will be used towards hardship registration cases. Last, the Grapevine Wrestling Tournament raised approximately \$1,100 for BTSCF. At this time, the BTSCF is sending out information to high school seniors regarding awards the BTSCF hands out. Mr. Macrae advised the snack shack at Skimmer on opening day will be attended to by high school students needing community service. BTSCF's next public meeting is April 20, 2015 at 7 pm at the Sylvan Lake Building Meeting Room.

Carl Budden, Gaming Treasurer for the BTSCF, talked to the Commissioners regarding what they need to do if they would like their programs to participate in any raffles, especially giving the BTSCF at least two to three months notice. He also congratulated Comm. Sabatino for a well-run raffle at the hockey skating party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sabatino advised street hockey finished on March 21, 2015. Thank you to the Rec. Commission and Rec. Department for all their help and understanding with overlapping into Spring programs, but especially to Dir. Flannery, Matt, Blair, and Brian for clearing the court of snow and ice so the championship games could be played. Congratulations to Matt Addiego's Pee Wee team for winning the Mayor's Cup 4-3, Paul Stahl's Bantam team for winning 2-1, and the Gold team for winning the Winter Classic 5-4 in overtime. Special thanks to Councilman Cantwell for refereeing the game. Thanks to BTSCF for their support the whole season and supplying tee shirts. Thanks to Mayor Carlin and Councilmen Jung, Kozub, and Cantwell for attending the final games. Thank you to all the coaches for volunteering their time and for a good season, especially with the crazy weather. Thank you to all in the Hockey Association, especially Todd Bailey and Matt Addiego. Regarding the skating party, Comm. Sabatino thanked BTSCF for all their support, Councilman Cantwell for attending, and all the local businesses that made donations. Thanks, also, to Brian Propp for attending, signing autographs, and taking pictures. The event was well attended by parents and children. Regarding the Spring roller hockey program, the Commissioner is hoping to start this weekend, April 18. The season should end around June 13.

Commissioner Senni reported travel soccer is underway with South Jersey make up games possibly being piggybacked on certain days on Field 3 or 6. The Friendship league will not be making up games. Comm. Senni and Comm. Foltiny are in the process of making up a tryout schedule for Fall soccer teams. Registrations are currently underway.

Commissioner Carpenter advised the 2015 cheerleading program is getting underway. Tryouts will be May 4-7 for the junior high team. This year, there will also be tryouts for the younger team. Everyone that registers will be on the team; however, some will only be alternates.

Commissioner DiDonato had no report regarding field hockey but advised registrations are now being accepted for the program. Spring track is in full swing with approximately 70 children registered. The first meet was last weekend and everyone did very well.

Commissioner Foltiny reported non-travel soccer games will begin this weekend. There are three divisions consisting of 14 teams. There are approximately 160 children in the program. This season, Martin Poethke will be helping coordinate the program. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to coach and to Recreation for work done on practice and game fields. Uniform distribution will be Thursday, April 16. The Mayor's pre-k soccer clinic will start on Friday, April 24. Comm. Foltiny will coordinate a location with Dir. Flannery and Comm. Senni. Comm. Foltiny congratulated the U13 girls Barracudas, coached by Martin Poethke for taking first place at the Washington Township Easter Tournament.

In. **Comm. Camm's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni reported that travel softball starts this week with all games being played at Skimmer. The rec. softball program also starts this week with all games being played at the Middle School. Opening Day and pictures for softball are Saturday, April 18. Thanks to the baseball program for taking the lead and doing the schedule. At this time, there is no report regarding basketball.

Chairman Pizzigoni advised that football helmets have been sent out for reconditioning. The first spring football league game was held on April 12. Unfortunately, Burlington went down to a tough Parkside team 21-12 in a game that was decided in the final 5 minutes. On May 9, Rod Streater and Kashif Moore will once again be holding their football clinic from 10 am to 2 pm at Burlington Twp. High School. Registration info is forthcoming. At this time, there was no report regarding wrestling, however, Chairman Pizzigoni was happy to announce the tennis program will once again be held during the summer. The instructors will be two tennis pros from the Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club. The program will be at the courts behind the Municipal Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm from July 7 to August 13. Registrations are currently being accepted for ages 5 to 15. They will teach players the fundamentals of strokes, strategies, footwork, and scoring. For intermediate and up players, they will work on more advanced techniques and strategies in order to improve the student's game.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Flannery congratulated Chairman Pizzigoni on bringing the tennis program back and advised the Rec. Dept. will be open on April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. She also informed the Commission that the restrooms at GA I and GA II are being refurbished and should reopen the first week of May. She also advised that football registrations will open on Saturday, April 25. After discussions with Chairman Pizzigoni regarding football returns, it was decided the Department should be allowed to charge a late fee to anyone not returning equipment by a certain date. Second reading of this ordinance will be Tuesday, May 14 at the Council meeting.

At this time, Director Flannery asked that thoughts and prayers go out to Cheerleading Coach Sorina Haddock who took ill after the national cheerleading competition.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell advised the budget passed and that Clean-Up Day will be April 25, 2015. He also acknowledged what a great job the Recreation Dept. did to prepare the hockey court for the championship game.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$7,670.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of March 2015.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:


Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office