

*Burlington Township Recreation Commission*  
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19:03

Vice-Chairman Mickey Foltiny 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 were: Tina Carpenter, Mickey Foltiny, Chris Sabatino, and Jim Angelillo. Commissioners Gene Camm, Lisa Clotter, Anthony Pizzigoni, Matt Senni, and John DiDonato 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 November 9, 2015 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Angelillo to accept the minutes. Commissioner Sabatino seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Rec. Director Flannery read a report from Steve Macrae, President of the BTSC Foundation as follows:

- The BTSCF wishes the Commission Happy Holidays and they look forward to 2016!
- The new board will be: Steve Macrae, Matt Farr, John Fries, and Robyn Stoner. There is still one open position, which they may have someone to fill. Just a reminder to emphasize the need for more folks to get involved because, as Mr. Macrae mentioned previously, he will do the next two years but will be done after that and he does not want the Board to miss a beat on any transition. Mr. Macrae will not be staying beyond that.
- November financials will be available next week, at the latest.
- The Commissioners were reminded to start planning how they are going to spend their programs' money, as the BTSCF cannot keep carrying over funds.
- There is a global bowling fundraising event scheduled for March 26, 2016 from 7 to 10 pm. In addition to the door prizes given out last time, the BTSCF would love to have autographed memorabilia from each of the major sports, if the Commissioners can please help with whatever connections they may have. Please reach out to Mr. Macrae if you can secure something.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Commissioner Angelillo** had no report regarding baseball but wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday season!

**Commissioner Carpenter** reported an end of season party was being held on Dec. 15 for all cheerleaders, except those participating in Nationals, which will be February 3-9, 2016.

**Commissioner Sabatino** wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday! He then reported street hockey is underway with games starting the first week in January and ending around March 12, 2016. The program is hosting a Skate Night Fundraiser, hopefully, on March 6, 2016, and the hockey board is discussing other fundraising ideas. Street Hockey jersey pick-up will be Dec. 28, 2015.

Comm. Sabatino then advised he will be stepping down as Commissioner as of Jan. 1, 2016. He thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to be a Commissioner and for all their support. Comm. Sabatino then thanked Rec. Director Flannery, Barb, and all the Commissioners for their support. He then wished everyone "Good Luck" in 2016.

**Commissioner Foltiny** wished Happy Holidays to all and thanked Comm. Sabatino for his service. Regarding non-travel soccer, the fall season finished Nov. 22. Thank you to the coaches for making the season a success. Indoor soccer started on Dec. 12. There are three divisions: Bantam (pre-k & kindergarten), Junior (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), and Major (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade). There are a total of 16 teams. All will play a 10-game schedule (weather permitting) at Bernice Young School gym. Most teams have two coaches with a good pool of youth referees and coaches. Concessions are being sold during all games. All participants received a tee shirt, compliments of sponsors. Thank you to the BTSCF for providing items to sell and to the Recreation Dept. for assisting with equipment. The youth volleyball season is being extended into the winter due to increased interest. They will play on some Friday evenings in January and February at the Fountain Woods School. Tentative picture date for winter programs is Feb. 13, 2016 and the Commissioner is hoping to have the Challenger Sports Camp-Tetra Brazil the week of June 20, 2016. Last, but not least, thanks to all who voted to pass the recent school referendum.

In **Commissioner Camm's** absence, Rec. Director Flannery read his report as follows:

- Travel basketball games are underway for all four of the basketball teams. Thanks to those coaching: Rob Ray, Tarae Morton, Will Felder, and John DiDonato.
- Regarding non-travel basketball, boys teams have been broken down and practices are starting this week. The program is fielding four teams at the boys majors and 5 at the boys minors divisions.
- For the girls division, this season, the program is merging with Florence since both towns' registration numbers are low. This will also give us the opportunity to have the girls compete with girls their own age, as we are fielding two teams in each grade group (3-5<sup>th</sup> and 6-8<sup>th</sup>).
- Regarding softball, winter clinic registrations are open and the program will begin in January. There are only a few spots left.
- There will be an Applebees fundraiser in the near future.

In **Comm. DiDonato's** absence, Rec. Director Flannery informed the Commission the field hockey season is over and winter track practices have started with approximately 30 participants.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Recreation Director Flannery informed the Commission the Rec. office would be open on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Director then thanked Comm. Foltiny and Comm. Sabatino for all their service and quality time over the years; it is greatly appreciated. Both will be missed.

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Council Representative Mike Cantwell thanked Comm. Foltiny and Comm. Sabatino on behalf of Mayor and Council for their contributions. It was greatly appreciated and a great benefit to the town. The programs survived and improved under their guidance. He then wished all a Happy and Safe Holiday and is looking forward to 2016!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Comm. Sabatino wondered if the issue of background checks could be revisited by the Commission, especially with so many new parents and volunteers offering to help, even non-residents.

After some discussion, noting the Commission had previously made a request to Mayor and Council to implement a process for doing background checks, Council Rep Cantwell indicated it is time to move forward and would check with Solicitor David Serlin regarding criteria. Council Rep Cantwell will have Mr. Serlin put something together. Since cost is always an issue, it was suggested adding an extra dollar or two to registration fees which could be dedicated for background checks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Commission was informed that \$7,835.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of November, 2015

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:31.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

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cc: Mayor and Council  
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Clerk's Office