

Burlington Township Recreation Commission
851 Old York Road
Burlington, New Jersey 08016
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March 9, 2015
19:00

Recreation Director Diane Flannery 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: Gene Camm, Chris Sabatino, Matt Senni, Jim Angelillo, and John DiDonato. Commissioners Tina Carpenter, Lisa Clotter, and Anthony Pizzigoni entered late. Commissioner Mickey Foltiny was 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 February 9, 2015 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Camm to accept the minutes. Commissioner DiDonato seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Steve Macrae, President of the BTSC Foundation, indicated he had forwarded a financial statement to the Recreation Director and advised there was a total of approximately \$63,000 in the account. The recent Grapevine Wrestling Tournament held at Burlington Twp. High School raised around \$1000 for the Foundation. On March 28, the organization is hosting a bowling function at the lanes in Burlington Twp. on Rt. 130. As of now, 15 of 30 lanes are covered and they are still looking for lane sponsors. BTSCF is hoping to raise approximately \$4,500 from this fundraiser. Mr. Macrae advised that high school students will be covering the snack shack on April 18 for Baseball/Softball Opening Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner DiDonato had no report regarding field hockey but indicated he has been corresponding with Darryl Curtis regarding the upcoming spring track program.

Commissioner Carpenter had no report regarding the indoor track program.

Commissioner Clotter indicated the cheerleading program finished with the State competition on March 1st, where the Unlimited Squad finished in 1st place and the Jr. Rec. Squad placed 4th. At the Nationals in Florida the High School Varsity Squad placed 2nd, the JV Squad placed 8th, the Middle School Division placed 11th, and the Jr. Rec. Squad placed 3rd. This was the first time the Jr. Rec. Squad participated and all had a good time.

Commissioner Sabatino reported the Street Hockey season is being extended due to the weather; therefore, the championship games will be held on March 21, 2015. The 5 and 6 year old hockey clinic is over and the program went very well. The Squirt Division will now be playing games on Tuesdays and Fridays, with playoffs scheduled for the Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions this weekend. Championship and Winter Classic games will be held on March 21 with times to be determined. On March 26, the Hockey Coaches Association, along with BTSCF, will be hosting a skate night at the roller rink in Delran. Two other fundraisers hockey did were a night at Geraghty's and a Chick-Fil-A night. Comm. Sabatino thanked Rec. Director Flannery and Rec. Staff for all their help this season, especially with preparing rinks. The Hockey Coaches Association is also meeting to discuss the upcoming roller hockey season.

Commissioner Senni reported South Jersey travel soccer will now begin games on March 21, 2015. The League cancelled the first week and rescheduled to May 30 and 31. Week two has also been cancelled but make up dates, if any, have not been decided on. The Friendship League is hoping to start on March 28. This League will be participating with Medford, Mt. Laurel, and Tabernacle.

In **Comm. Foltiny's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni read his report as follows:

Please have a moment of silence for "Libby" as he worked security detail for many years during the soccer tournaments. Indoor soccer concluded on Feb. 28. Mayor Carlin and Council came out during the day to present participation awards to all the players. Special thanks to Mayor Carlin and Councilmembers Kozub, Jung, Schoenborn and Howell. Thank you to Councilman Cantwell who came out during the season to support the program. Regarding the spring non-travel soccer program, based on the weather, it will probably not start until the beginning of April. An 8-game season is projected and the Commissioner is still working on increasing the numbers. Many have not signed up that indicated they would. A reminder email will go out to all with a registration deadline noted before a wait list starts.

Commissioner Angelillo advised that baseball coaches and teams have been assigned as of March 3 for the youth program, with parents contacted. The league consists of 24 teams from ages 5-12. The BT Baseball Modell's shopping night was on March 6 and proceeds exceeded expectations. The 15% off coupon continues to be valid for the next two weeks. Registrations are still being accepted for Babe Ruth age players.

The following are important baseball program dates for 2015:

- Registration closed 1/31
- Travel team evaluations will be the weekend of 3/21. Numbers are higher than normal, so cuts will be likely.
- Opening Game Day for the older divisions will be 3/30.
- Opening Day Ceremony and Picture Day will be 4/18, with Mayor and Council being invited. Softball is also included in this.
- Opening Game Day for the younger divisions will be 4/18.
- All Star Games, including the Travel Mother's Day Classic and Academic Games, will be 5/10 and 5/17.
- Championship Weekend will be 5/29-5/31.

Comm. Camm reported that in-house basketball ended last week. Congrats to the winning teams coached by Tim Ferguson (Boys -NCAA) and John DiDonato (Girls-WNBA). The Academic All-Star game was held on March 7 and all games were very competitive. As a tribute to Coach Vince Brown, the NBA division MVP trophy was named in his honor. This year's MVP of the game was Andrew Bowman. Special thanks to Mayor Carlin and Councilmen Kozub and Cantwell for attending. New this year was a parent/coaches game following the Academic All-Star games. There was a great turnout with roughly 25 participants and many that stayed to watch. More importantly, there were no major injuries. All had a great time. Comm. Camm thanked all the coaches for volunteering again this season. There are a number of coaches that volunteer that do not have any kids in our programs but continue to donate their time. The travel basketball season also finished this past weekend. The girls lost in the first round. Both the 7th and 8th grade boys teams played in their league championship games this past Sunday. Both games were very close, but the 7th grade team fell to Seneca by 3 points. Congrats to Coach Rob Ray on another successful season. The 8th grade team won their championship in a double OT thriller by four points over a gritty Cherry Hill team. Congrats to Coach Will Felder. Special thanks to Councilman Cantwell and Commissioners Pizzigoni and DiDonato for coming out to the games and supporting our teams. In both games, Township was very well represented by outstanding fan support.

Regarding the upcoming softball season, the program will field three travel teams this season, which will be a first in a number of years. The divisions will be 14U, 12U, and 10U. Tryouts were held last week and parents have been notified. With respect to the in-house program this season, instead of fielding three or four Rec. teams at two levels, the Commissioner is going to keep the girls in more age appropriate divisions and participate in the Riverfront Recreation League. The league consists of local towns that compete at a recreation level. He believes we are going to field two teams at the 8U and 10U level and one team each at the 12U and 15U divisions. By doing this, the travel teams will not be permitted to play in the recreation league which is a first. In prior years, the program was forced to have the travel players compete in both their travel league, as well as the Rec. league. Some of the teams involved in this league are Moorestown, Burlington City, Delran, and Sacred Heart. If it works out, the Commissioner may look to do something like this for the girl's basketball program next year.

Chairman Pizzigoni advised that recognition by Mayor and Council of the 80 lb. JV and Junior High football teams would be March 10, 2015. This year the football program will be participating in a spring football league, the Jr. East Coast Football League. There will be six regular season games plus playoffs. The games will begin the second week in April and will run through the end of May. It is for 7th and 8th graders only. The Commissioner is still trying to finalize the practice schedule to work around both track and baseball to minimize conflicts. Games will be played on Sunday to avoid other conflicts. The program is going to be funded by the parents and will cost roughly \$85 per player. Everything will run through the BTSC Foundation.

Regarding the wrestling program, the Best of the Best Tournament was held with four Township wrestlers becoming champions: Craig Cook, Anthony Cook, Josh Byrd, and Mike Limone. The champions will be recognized by Mayor and Council on Tuesday, March 24. Special thanks to Coaches Ed Cook and Kevin Arline for all their hard work with the boys, not only teaching them and coaching them at matches, but also taking their time to take the boys to independent tournaments. Special thanks to team mom Sandy Cook who handles all administrative duties and parent volunteers for set up and concessions. Special thanks to Steve Macrae and the BTSC Foundation for donating their time during the long match and tournament days. Thank you to the students who volunteered. Special thanks to the parents that not only brought their kids to practice, but endured long days during matches and tournaments and also helped setting and cleaning up and with concessions. Thanks to Diane, Barb and Rec. for everything throughout the season.

With respect to the tennis program, the Commissioner has put in a call to the Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club to see if an instructor is interested in organizing and running our program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Flannery indicated to the Commissioners that the yearly asset retrieval process report was given to all. This report indicates how many letters were sent to individuals in a particular program who have not returned uniforms/equipment. Director Flannery thanked Chairman Pizzigoni for all his help with getting football uniforms/equipment back.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell advised the budget should be approved on March 24, 2015 and that Shop-Rite is slated to open on May 14, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion to approve the 2015 budget. Comm. Camm made a motion to approve the 2015 Recreation Commission Budget. Comm. Sabatino seconded the motion. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, Comm. Angelillo – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Pizzigoni indicated a rough draft of the revised policy and procedures manual will be forwarded to the Commissioners for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Clotter requested a Section 8 to discuss a Code of Conduct issue with regards to cheerleading.

At 19:33 Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion to go into Section 8 to discuss a Code of Conduct issue. Comm. Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Comm. Senni. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, Comm. Angelillo – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

At 19:43 Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion to come out of Section 8 after discussing a Code of Conduct issue. Comm. Sabatino made the motion, seconded by Comm. Carpenter. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, Comm. Angelillo – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Comm. Angelillo then made a motion to reopen the meeting. Comm. Sabatino seconded the motion. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, Comm. Angelillo – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

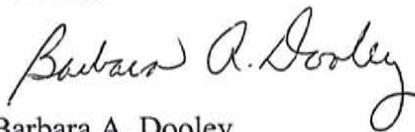
FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$25,473.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of February 2015.

Commissioner Angelillo 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:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Dooley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office