

Burlington Township Recreation Commission
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September 14, 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 were: Tina Carpenter, Lisa Clotter, Mickey Foltiny, Anthony Pizzigoni, Chris Sabatino, and Matt Senni. Commissioners Gene Camm, Jim Angelillo, and John DiDonato were not in attendance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Rec. Director Flannery read a thank you note from a senior regarding the wonderful season she had at Sylvan Lake.

After a review of the June 8, 2015 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Foltiny to accept the minutes. Commissioner Sabatino seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Matt Farr, Vice-President of the BTSC Foundation, advised the Commission that financials will be forwarded to the Recreation Dept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Clotter advised cheerleading is in full swing with all coaches attending a certification class on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015. Also, all rosters have been updated and uniforms picked up.

Commissioner Foltiny reported rosters for the Fall non-travel soccer program were finalized for the Senior Division (1st/2nd grade) this past weekend. This division will consist of 12 teams with practices/games starting this week. The Commissioner is still trying to obtain coaches for the Junior (Kindergarten) and Majors (3rd-5th grade) Divisions; one more is needed in each division. Hopefully, there will be a solution this week, with four teams in each division. The Pre-K clinic will likely start on Friday, Sept. 25, with four consecutive Friday night sessions. At this time, the non-travel program has in excess of 250 participants, including clinic participants. The Commissioner thanked Martin Poethke for his assistance. Youth volleyball dates have been set with the schools. Special thanks to Charlie Griswold for coordinating the program.

Comm. Foltiny then thanked his fellow Commissioners for all their help over the years, as his term expires at the end of the year and he will not be seeking reappointment. He will continue to stay and help coordinate programs until a suitable replacement can be found. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to work with everyone.

Commissioner Senni advised South Jersey and Friendship travel soccer programs started this past weekend. He is happy to see there are two girls' younger teams this year, as they have struggled with this age group in the past. The Commissioner then thanked the Recreation Dept. for maintaining the fields and helping with rosters and uniforms.

Commissioner Sabatino indicated street hockey sign ups started this past weekend and an e-mail was sent to all past players advising them. The program will, hopefully, start in mid-November. The Hockey Association has been meeting to discuss fundraising ideas and game schedules. Their next meeting is Sept. 16, 2015.

In **Commissioner Angelillo's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni read his report as follows:

Fall Baseball has begun with practices and a few games. Enrollment is increased compared to previous years. There are 13 teams (10 in 2014) with ages from 7 to 15. The teams are playing local towns with a range of skills. There are also 3 teams playing at a high level in the Tri State Elite League. Each Burlington Township team has scheduled 12-20 games and a schedule has been sent to Recreation for field preparation.

Registration for winter baseball sessions is currently cancelled due to new equipment installed in the back gym of the high school. The Baseball Coaches Association will work with the Recreation Dept. and Board of Ed to find an alternate location in the early winter.

In **Commissioner DiDonato's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni read his report as follows:

Registrations for indoor track started on September 12, 2015. The field hockey program currently consists of 77 girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade. There is one team in the Kindergarten – 2nd grade division, two in the 3rd-5th grade, and two in the 6th-8th grade. First games were this past weekend with the 3rd-5th grade division winning 5 out of 6 games and the 6th-8th grade division losing 6-2 and 2-0.

Chairman Pizzigoni thanked Comm. Foltiny for his years of service and wished him the best. Regarding football, 131 children are participating, which is low, however, all towns are having the same problem. Weigh-ins were held in Fountain Woods School with approximately 2000 children from all the football leagues weighed-in. Thank you to the BTSC Foundation, especially Steve Macrae, Jason Parsons, and John Fries, for their help with concessions. Everything went well and there were no problems. Football games will be starting this weekend. Comm. Pizzigoni thanked the Rec. Dept. for having everything ready for equipment handout, as it ran smoothly. Unfortunately, the Pep Rally scheduled for Sept. 17 has been cancelled, but the Commissioner is looking to possibly do something the first week in November. A big thanks to Mayor and Council and Rec. Director Flannery for their help with the purchase of the new football scoreboard. It looks great!

Regarding the summer tennis program, it was a success with 90 participants and six instructors from the Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club. Hopefully, the program will be held again next summer with these instructors.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Director Flannery stated it has been a pleasure working with Comm. Foltiny and thanked him for his years of service. He will be missed. Dir. Flannery then advised the following:

- An article was placed in the Commissioners mail folders about proposed legislation to have AEDs placed at every recreation facility throughout town. This is something she will keep an eye on.
- An article was placed in the Commissioners mail folders regarding parents getting their child back in the game as soon as possible after an injury.
- The Green Acres IV hockey court project has started with a target completion date of November 7, 2015.
- The Recreation Dept. will be open for registrations/returns on Saturdays, October 3 and 24 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The County has announced another round of grants and, hopefully, everyone will agree that new updated lighting at the Skimmer Complex should be considered this time around.

Last, the Director noted the Commission's policy on non-resident participation states, "non-residents are permitted in the event there are insufficient resident participants to meet the seasonal needs for a given sport." Non-residents should not be used to bolster talent or added on just because a particular town does not have that specific program. They should be used only to fill a roster spot if a Township resident is not available and definitely not take a spot away from a resident. The Director asked that all keep the spirit of the policy in mind and be mindful that tax dollars are paying for our programs, so non-residents are technically not contributing to that.

Chairman Pizzigoni asked if an AED refresher class could be given by Endeavor? Dir. Flannery said she would look into it.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell advised the Commissioners to keep other projects in mind for upcoming County grants; however, for this year the lighting at Skimmer makes the most sense. In news around town, plans have been approved for the McDonalds, Wedgewood has closed its doors and been torn down, and construction of warehouses on Neck Road and Campus Drive are continuing. Council Rep Cantwell then thanked Comm. Foltiny for all his years of service, not only as a Commissioner, but also as a volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Foltiny reminded the Commission that next month the budget will be looked at, so please forward any wish list items to the Budget Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$5,730.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of June, 2015, \$16,175.05 in July, and \$49,695.60 in August.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:35.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

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