

April 14, 2014  
19:00

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 2014. 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, Lisa Clotter, Mickey Foltiny, Anthony Pizzigoni, Matt Senni, Jim Angelillo, and John DiDonato. Commissioners Gene Camm and Chris Sabatino entered late.

Councilman Mike Cantwell was in attendance, as was Council President George Kozub and Recreation Director Stephen Fazekas.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Recreation Director Fazekas indicated there was no correspondence.

After a review of the March 10, 2014 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**

**Steve Macrae**, president of the Burlington Township Sports Club Foundation (BTSCF) advised the Commission that once the gaming license is approved, games of chance could take place. At this time, all snack shacks seem to be going well and the next general meeting will be held on May 12, 2014 at 7 pm at the Sylvan Lake meeting room. Chairman Pizzigoni requested the Commissioners pick delegates from their programs to attend BTSCF meetings.

**Carl Budden**, Member of the Burlington Township Sports Club Foundation (BTSCF), requested the Commissioners contact their respective coaches about BTSCF's next meeting on May 12, 2014.

**Council President Kozub** commended and congratulated all who put together Baseball Opening Day. Also, Township's Annual Clean-Up Day will be held on April 26. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Even a couple of hours would be appreciated. Everyone that does participate will receive a free t-shirt, as well as a chance to win prizes.

**King Asoมานing** of Denkyem Sports and FIT Gym informed the Commission of some programs he would like to run in the Township using space at Township fields.

Recreation Director Fazekas indicated he would go over Field Use Forms with Mr. Asoมานing.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Commissioner Foltiny** reported rosters for the non-travel soccer program were finalized for the Senior (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Major (3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade) divisions and an 8 game schedule is also being finalized. Due to numbers this season, grade structures are a little different. First games will start the weekend after Easter and conclude the weekend of June 21. Regarding the Junior (Kindergarten) division, an email was sent asking for coaches as only three people had volunteered. Families were advised that a determination would be made whether or not to have the program depending on the number of responses from the email. Several parents came forward, so the program will probably come to fruition. Games and practice schedules for all divisions should be completed this week. Tee shirts for the players will be ordered with monies raised by sponsors. Referees will be used when available for the Senior & Major divisions. Fields at GA 1 and 2 will be used for all games. At this time all children on the wait list, as well as some that signed up for the Friendship league for which teams were not available, were placed on teams. The Pre-K clinic will most likely start Friday, April 25. The Commissioner will confirm with Brian Carlin and Recreation.

Upcoming soccer camps are as follows:

- Challenger Sports-Tetra Brazil – June 23-27 from 5 to 8 pm This will be tied in with the World Cup being held in Brazil.
- Coerver Camps (geared towards the travel player) – July 21-25 from 5 to 8 pm
- Challenger Sports-Freestyle Camp with John Farnsworth – July 28-30

A hoagie fundraiser is currently being held with a pre-order deadline of May 5 and a pick up date of May 10 at the Lake building. Other sports programs are welcome to join in. Just advise Comm. Foltiny. A clothing drive is also in the works, possibly sometime in May. The Commissioner will speak with the Township about using space on a Saturday for drop off. Another is being planned in October to coincide with the Township's shredding event. The drive is a joint effort with proceeds benefitting both BTSCF and the Food Pantry.

Comm. Foltiny requested a Section 8 to discuss personnel issues.

**Commissioner DiDonato** reported the upcoming Field Hockey season will consist of a Kindergarten clinic and team settings for Grades 1-8. The Commissioner is just about finished with filling coaches' positions for the program.

**Commissioner Carpenter** reported the outdoor track program is now underway and most have participated in two meets already. The next meet is scheduled for April 27 in New Brunswick. Comm. Carpenter advised she allows non-residents for this program for training purposes and congratulated the coaches for doing a good job.

**Commissioner Senni** advised South Jersey soccer is in full swing with the need to make up some games due to the weather. Hopefully, the season will end June 8. Fall registrations opened on April 12 and anyone wishing to tryout must register by May 2. Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for the weeks of May 5 and May 12 with licensed coaches doing the evaluations. Coaches will not be allowed to evaluate the age group they coach for. The Friendship program is underway with Medford and Mt. Laurel. Township has four teams competing: U10 Boys, U12 Boys, U14 Boys, and U10 Girls. Thank you to Recreation for all their help with getting the program underway and preparing the fields. Thanks to Comm. Foltiny for placing some Friendship players in the non-travel program due to no age appropriate teams available in the Friendship program.

**Commissioner Clotter** advised that cheerleading tryouts for the upcoming season will be held in conjunction with the high school at the Middle School gym from May 5-9. This year the program will start in July with practices, as opposed to August, to allow the girls to be ready earlier for competitions. Girls not participating in competitions should be done by Thanksgiving and there should only be one extended competition team participating into March, 2015. Hopefully, by starting earlier, some participants that left Township will now come back. The high school will also host a clinic to help get younger children interested.

**Commissioner Sabatino** had no report regarding Street Hockey, but indicated Roller Hockey will consist of ten teams: (3) Mite Division, (4) Pee-Wee Division, and (3) Bantam Division. Thank you to Paul Cannizzaro for helping to get the program underway. Practices started, using both Skimmer and GA 4 rinks. Games should start April 23 with championships being played June 7, 2014. Thank you to all at the Rec. Dept. for helping to get the program started.

**Commissioner Angelillo** advised baseball is in full swing. Thank you to the Rec. Dept. for getting everything ready for Opening Day, which went well, and to Mayor and Council for participating, as well as to the BTSCF for opening the snack shack. Pictures seemed to be a success on Opening Day with some geographic notes to make improvements for the future. All 9 – 13 age travel teams have been announced with practices and games started. Babe Ruth rosters are being consolidated with a start date in mid-May to allow the high school players to complete their season. Baseball and softball All-Stars games will be played on May 18 at the Skimmer Complex. Thank you to Recreation for helping with registrations, field prep, and uniform handouts. The fields look good and use of the gym early on helped. This year, Township will be hosting the 9U District games, which will be played at Skimmer starting June 25. This will be a 4-5 day tournament. The 9U and 11U Tournaments will start July 10 and the 10U and 12U will start July 17.

**Commissioner Camm** reported approximately 185 girls are registered for softball with a division breakdown as follows: Senior (6-8 grade) 4 teams, Junior (3-5 grade) 5 teams, and Rookie (K-2 grade) 4 teams. Thank you to Brian Ekelburg, Ken Trumbetti, and Coach Patel for helping to get a 10U travel team started. Thank you to the BTSCF for providing things quicker than before. Comm. Camm also noted \$300 to \$400 was raised from a spiritwear fundraiser.

**Chairman Pizzigoni** had no report regarding wrestling and noted there would be no tennis program this summer due to resurfacing of the courts. Regarding football, Chairman Pizzigoni announced that Kashif Moore and Rod Streater are holding a free football camp for boys and girls ages 5-14 on Saturday, June 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Chairman would like to invite Mayor Carlin and Council to come and say a few words. The camp will be held at the high school field and the BTSCF graciously picked up the insurance for the camp.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Stephen Fazekas advised the Recreation Commission of the following:

- The Rec. Office will be open Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- New lighting at Skimmer Complex being done by PSE&G should start by the end of April and most of the parking lot lights at Green Acres 2 have been repaired.
- The contractors have been given the okay to start repairs on the steps at the Recreation building. Hopefully, this work will start within the next few weeks.
- 2014 Capital Improvement requests will be resurfacing and expansion of the parking lot at the Skimmer Complex. There was also an article in the paper regarding 2014 County grants. Township will put in an application asking for grant money to resurface the hockey rink at Green Acres 4.
- Thank you all for your understanding to close fields to apply fertilizer and lime. The next application will be in the summer.
- Progress is being made on obtaining information regarding background checks. The Director has reviewed full policy from a neighboring township and hopes to have something ready within a month.
- Thank you to Mayor and Council for increasing Recreation's budget line item from \$52,000 to \$53,000.
- Recreation has also installed a mail folder for BTSCF in the office.

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Council Representative Mike Cantwell had no report at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Comm. Foltiny indicated all fundraising ideas and requests for funds needed to go through the BTSCF for approval, however, policy should dictate it goes through the Recreation Commission's Financial Committee first to see if it should be submitted to the BTSCF. Comm. Angelillo made a motion to accept the Recreation Commission's Policy for Requesting Funds from the BTSCF. Comm. Camm seconded the motion. After some discussion, a vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Pizzigoni advised the Financial Committee sent the 2014 budget to Recreation, which indicates a target amount of what each program needs to fundraise for.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Comm. Sabatino asked whether if he had the right to say anything if he knew a child had a doctor's excuse for not participating in school physical education but was participating in Recreation's programs.

Rec. Dir. Fazekas advised that HIPPA laws prevented anyone from advising others of someone's medical condition. Hopefully, the parents would not let the child participate. If a parent does not disclose the information to Recreation, Township would not be liable in the event something happened.

At 19:55 Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion to go into Section 8 to discuss personnel issues. Comm. Foltiny made the motion, seconded by Comm. Angelillo. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

At 20:10 Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion to come out of Section 8 after discussing personnel issues. Comm. Foltiny made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clotter. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Clotter – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Commission was informed that \$8,965.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of March 2014.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:12.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council  
Administrator  
Clerk's Office