

Burlington Township Recreation Commission
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May 12, 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 Gene Camm, Anthony Pizzigoni, Chris Sabatino, Matt Senni, and John DiDonato. Commissioners Tina Carpenter and Lisa Clotter entered late. Commissioners Mickey Foltiny and Jim Angelillo were not present.

Councilman Mike Cantwell was in attendance; Recreation Director Stephen Fazekas was not.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at this time.

After a review of the April 14, 2014 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Sabatino to accept the minutes. Commissioner Camm seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

As there was no one from the public to speak, Chairman Pizzigoni closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Camm reported softball is going well with All-Star games scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Skimmer. The Senior Division will play at 9 am and the Junior Division at 11 am. The 10U travel team is also doing well with a current record of 7-2.

Commissioner Carpenter reported the outdoor track program is going well.

Commissioner DiDonato informed the Commission the new Vegas gold field hockey jerseys came out nice. Field hockey registrations are on-going and the Commissioner will be meeting with the Burlington County Youth Field Hockey League to discuss the upcoming season.

Commissioner Senni advised 104 girls and 76 boys registered for the South Jersey soccer tryout list by the cutoff date of May 2, 2014. At this time, tryouts will be held on May 15 and 20 for the U12 and U13 girls and May 19 and 21 or 22 for the U12 and U14 boys. A date for the U11 boys has not yet been determined. All tryouts will be held on Field 3 at Green Acres II. Coaches will notify players and information will also be posted on the soccer website. All participants need to attend at least one of the two sessions. Tryouts, if necessary, for a new U11 girls team and a U9 boys team will be scheduled for a later date. This Fall, there will be a total of 12 teams in the South Jersey League. Registrations for the Fall Friendship league will be open until late summer, early fall. Thank you to Recreation for all their help with registrations and field prep.

Commissioner Sabatino advised meetings are being held discussing the upcoming street hockey season. Regarding roller hockey, the season is half over and all have been taken off the wait list. The program should conclude June 7 with championship games. The roller hockey program is holding a hockey apparel fundraiser if anyone is interested. Thank you to Recreation for all their help.

Chairman Pizzigoni then read **Commissioner Foltiny's** report as follows:

The Pre-K Clinic is going well. We have had a great group of volunteers every Friday and the kids are having a great time. There are two more sessions left. Non-travel soccer games are underway. Most teams have played three games at this point. There have been some minor challenges that have been dealt with. Players seem to be happy and that is what the goal and intent is. Thank you to the volunteers in all the programs for stepping forward to make it work. Thank you to Recreation for their support and updates along the way. Numbers were off slightly but a decent size of participants none the less. Thank you to the sponsors for their monetary contributions which covered the cost of tee shirts for three seasons. There should also be a small amount of funds left, which is still being resolved with the old Sports Club.

Summer Camp registrations are slowly coming in now that the weather has changed for the better and field use paperwork should be completed shortly. Upcoming soccer camps are as follows:

- Challenger Sports-Tetra Brazil – June 23-27
- Coerver Camps – July 21-25
- Freestyle Camp with John Farnsworth – July 28-30

The hoagie fundraiser completed Saturday, May 10, 2014. Thank you to Comm. Senni and Linda Walker for assisting. 127 hoagies were sold. The next one will be in the fall. On May 31 there will be a joint fundraiser (clothing drive) with the Burlington Twp. Food Pantry and the Sports Club Foundation. It will be held at the Municipal Building from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. It will also most likely be at one of the local firehouses the Friday before. Please put the word out to families in your respective programs. It is a great way to contribute to a fundraiser without spending money. More details of what will be accepted will be forthcoming. Approvals for the Municipal Building have been secured.

Commissioner Clotter reported cheerleading tryouts for the Unlimited Squad were held and she will be forwarding Recreation the list of 16 girls who need to register. These girls will once again be attending camp in August. Comm. Clotter advised the younger girls would be starting in July in order to finish earlier and, hopefully, participate in more competitions.

Chairman Pizzigoni informed the Commission football registrations are underway. He and the Recreation Director will be walking the fields to get a jump on what needs to be done for the upcoming season. Just a reminder, the Kashif Moore and Rod Streater free football camp for boys and girls ages 5-14 will be on Saturday, June 14 from 10 am to 2 pm at Burlington Twp. High School. The Chairman would like to invite Mayor Carlin and Council to come and say a few words. A determination will be made shortly as to whether or not Recreation's summer football camp will be held this year.

Regarding wrestling, the clinic is still ongoing Monday nights with Coach Leroy Whitehouse in the high school wrestling room. The tennis program will not be offered this season due to resurfacing of the courts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Director Stephen Fazekas' absence, Chairman Pizzigoni advised the Recreation Commission of the following:

- The Rec. Office will be open Saturdays, June 7 and 21, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The Director is working with Comm. Sabatino and Township's Engineering Dept. on the Burlington County Freeholder Grant application. The application is due by June 10, 2014. The Director is requesting a letter of support from the Commissioners to go along with the application to make improvements to the Pinewald hockey rink.
- There was a Code of Conduct appeal hearing after the last Commission meeting regarding the basketball incident. A copy of the letter indicating the outcome was placed in Commissioners' folders. If anyone needs to discuss, please request a Section 8.
- Thank you to Mayor and Council for increasing the Recreation budget line item from \$52,000 to \$53,000.
- Field hockey jerseys were ordered and received.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell advised Shop-Rite should be open by the end of the year and Wal-Mart will be having their grand re-opening very soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Pizzigoni indicated the policy and procedures update would be discussed at the next meeting as Comm. Foltiny was not present.

Chairman Pizzigoni then asked for a motion regarding the 2014 Recreation Budget. Comm. DiDonato made a motion to approve the 2014 Recreation Budget in the amount of \$53,000. Comm. Senni 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. DiDonato – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0. Comm. Camm asked if the transfer of funds had been made between the Sports Club and the Sports Club Foundation.

Council Rep Cantwell advised not as of yet.

Chairman Pizzigoni indicated he would like to see all Sports Club's financial information since April, 2013. He also reminded the Commissioners the new Sports Club Foundation would like liaisons from each program to attend their meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pizzigoni indicated that in discussions with Twp. Administrator Walt Corter, it was suggested the Commission come up with a five-year plan for projects for grants, if they happen to become available. Commissioners should email Chairman Pizzigoni any suggestions. Some mentioned were:

- A fourth baseball field at Skimmer.
- Putting a roof on the old skateboard park.
- Building an independent, enclosed structure so gyms would no longer be needed.

At this point, Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion, per the Director's request, regarding a letter of support. Comm. Carpenter made a motion for the Commission to write a letter of support to go along with the grant application to make improvements to the Pinewald hockey rink. 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. DiDonato – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$4,993.00 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of April 2014.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:30.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office