

Burlington Township Recreation Commission
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October 20, 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, Tina Carpenter, Mickey Foltiny, Anthony Pizzigoni, Jim Angelillo, and John DiDonato. Commissioners Lisa Clotter and Chris Sabatino entered late. Commissioner Matt Senni was not present.

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 September 8, 2014 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Foltiny to accept the minutes. Commissioner Camm seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Carl Budden, Gaming Treasurer for the BTSC Foundation, advised the Commission there was a Fundraising Committee meeting and it was decided to have two big fundraisers in two different seasons. The Foundation does, however, need more help. Thanks to Jason Parsons who posted a blog to advise more people about the Foundation. The Foundation will also have an information table at the Holiday Bazaar. Mr. Budden indicated the Foundation would be handling the snack table for the upcoming Friends and Family Cheerleading event, as well as at the last set of regular season home football games. He indicated both football parents and high school students have been a great help during football games, especially since the stand relocated closer to the football field. Mr. Budden inquired as to the policy on outside vendors being permitted on Green Acres facilities or any athletic fields. Council Rep Mike Cantwell advised the Foundation should contact the Clerk's Office for any ordinances regarding the matter. Last, Mr. Budden indicated elections are coming up for two positions on the Foundation. Next year, there will be three open positions. All will have a two year cycle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner DiDonato advised there are two weeks left in the field hockey program. The Commissioner deems the season successful as all teams are either in first place or tied for first place. The Commissioner indicated that on Thursdays, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 field hockey games will take place on the football field at Green Acres II. Oct. 30 will be the quarter finals for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bracket. Times are yet to be determined.

Commissioner Foltiny opened his report giving special thanks to Charlie Griswold who is coordinating and running the youth volleyball program. Mr. Griswold is looking to expand and build on the program. Currently there are approximately 12 participants. Mr. Griswold has arranged for the participants to play other recreation volleyball programs. They have or will scrimmage Cherry Hill and Marlton. Next year, the program may possibly expand to the winter.

Regarding the non-travel and clinic soccer programs, there are over 200 participants. The clinic still has two sessions left, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7. There are over 40 participants with great volunteers in large numbers participating. The non-travel games are progressing. Make up games may be played at night. Thank you to Barbara and Rec. Staff for setting up uniform distribution and working on the fields. The program did start a week later than intended due to a need for coaches. Thank you to all the coaches for giving of their time to the program.

Regarding travel soccer, the teams are participating in a coupon book fundraiser. Congratulations to the U-13 girls Barracudas coached by Martin Poethke. The girls made it to the final eight in State Cup competition.

Indoor soccer is projected to start the first weekend in December. To date, there are over 50 children registered.

Commissioner Carpenter reported registrations are being taken for Indoor Track, which starts after the football season.

Commissioner Sabatino indicated Street Hockey registrations are on-going and approximately 80 children are registered. The program has been open to non-residents in hopes of increasing numbers. The Commissioner is hoping to close registrations at the end of October so that the program can start in mid-November with games starting in December. Currently, there are 15 children registered for the street hockey clinic. The Hockey Coaches Association meets weekly to discuss the upcoming program. The Commissioner thanked Barb for all her help with street hockey, as well as the following individuals for their help, support, guidance, and time in obtaining the County grant to refurb the roller hockey court at Green Acres IV: Mayor and Council, Steve "Fuzzy" Fazekas, Engineering Dept., Rec. Director Flannery, Recreation Commissioners, Greg Luz, Troy Seeton, and Kevin Triplett.

Commissioner Camm reported Softball is winding down with the girls having a long fall season due to competition issues. For the upcoming basketball program, the Commissioner is hoping to have two girls travel teams at the 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade levels. Regarding boys travel, hopefully, there will be a team in the 7th grade division and one in the 8th grade division. Tryouts will be held at the end of October. In the non-travel division, there will be 4 to 5 teams in the 4th/5th grade level and also in the 6th/7th/8th grade level. The Commissioner would like to see two divisions also in the girl's program, but numbers do not usually allow for that.

Commissioner Angelillo advised Fall baseball is almost complete with two more weeks to go. The season had no issues with fields or teams. Thank you to Recreation for having fields game ready and continually maintained. The winter baseball instruction sessions will start early/mid-November with an estimated 75 participants utilizing the High School back gym Monday-Friday from 6 to 9:30 pm. Currently, there is a wait list for the younger age, but spots are still available at the high school age level.

Commissioner Clotter reported the cheerleading season is in full swing for competitions. To date, there have been two incidents on the middle school age team: a broken arm and a broken ankle. The broken ankle was not related to cheerleading. At this point, all the cheerleading coaches have been AACCA (American Assoc. of Cheerleaders Coaches and Administrators, Inc.) safety certified which is good for four years. After taking the certification class, the Commissioner believes it might be time to revisit the information noted on the program's Emergency Form, as well as being able to have the parents sign a form indicating their child has had a recent physical. No specific information would be required. The Commissioner asked if the Township Solicitor could weigh in on both of these issues.

Chairman Pizzigoni had no report regarding tennis at this time. Regarding wrestling, registrations are on-going with practices scheduled to start on November 18. Home matches will be Sundays, Jan. 18 and Feb. 8, 2015. Background checks will be performed this year, as usual, for any that need recertification (new coaches or every 36 months). Regarding football, the season is coming into the homestretch with two weeks remaining before playoffs. This weekend is a home weekend against the Cherry Hill Knights. Playoff schedules will be distributed once the teams are seeded. Teams are doing well and have been competitive with the following records to date:

- 65 lb. team has won every game although records aren't kept
- 80 lb. Varsity 3-3
- 95 lb. Varsity 5-1
- 110 lb. Varsity 0-5, but they have been in every game and defense is very strong
- 125 lb. Varsity 3-2
- Jr. High 6-0
- 80 lb. Jr. Varsity 3-2
- 95 lb. Jr. Varsity 5-1
- 110 lb. Jr. varsity 3-3

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Director Diane Flannery reminded the Commissioners to return the Spring registration form with any changes to the Rec. Dept. by November 25. The Rec. Director then indicated any requests for school facilities for fundraisers with the BTSC Foundation should be going through the Foundation.

At this point, a discussion was had trying to determine what constitutes a fundraiser and who should actually be obtaining the school facilities, the Rec. Dept. or the Foundation. Council Rep Cantwell indicated he would discuss with the Twp. Solicitor and advise.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Mike Cantwell had no report other than to congratulate the Commission and Township on obtaining the County Grant for the roller hockey court.

Council Representative Cantwell then requested a Section 8 to discuss personnel issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Pizzigoni advised that a draft for the new Policy and Procedures manual will be forthcoming and discussed at the November meeting.

Comm. Foltiny inquired as to training on the AED's.

Rec. Director Flannery indicated she requested dates and will advise once she receives, as well as any fee issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Foltiny requested the Commissioners submit any proposals to himself, Comm. Camm or Chairman Pizzigoni before the upcoming budget meeting which is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27, 2014.

At 19:40 Chairman Pizzigoni asked for a motion to go into Section 8 to discuss personnel issues. Comm. Foltiny 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. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino - aye, Comm. Angelillo – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Comm. Clotter left at 20:00.

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

Comm. Foltiny 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. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino - aye, Comm. Angelillo – aye, Comm. DiDonato – aye, and Chairman Pizzigoni – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

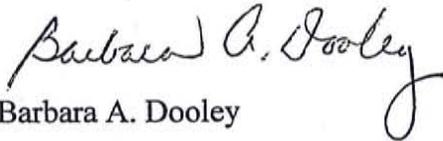
FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$14,331.70 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of September 2014.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:14.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:



Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office