

September 9, 2013
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 2013. 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, Matt Senni, Jim Angelillo, and Anthony Pizzigoni. Commissioners Gene Camm, Mickey Foltiny, and Chris Sabatino were not present.

Chairman Pizzigoni noted Council Representative Carl Schoenborn was in attendance, as was Acting Recreation Director Stephen Fazekas.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acting Director Fazekas noted the Recreation Dept. received a thank you letter regarding the 2013 Sylvan Lake season.

After a review of the August 12, 2013 Recreation Commission Meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Clotter to accept the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Angelillo indicated that dugout roofs were being installed at the Skimmer 1 baseball field and that other fields would also be done. Comm. Angelillo advised that a youth baseball instruction program would be held from November through March on Mondays and Wednesday for children 9 years old through 8th grade and that registration would start on Sept. 21, 2013.

Commissioner Carpenter had no report regarding track at this time.

Commissioner Senni reported that in the 2013 Fall South Jersey Soccer League, Burlington Township has 11 teams (7 girls and 4 boys) in the U9 to U14 age brackets. Games started this past weekend for this league. Comm. Senni thanked the Recreation Dept. for having the fields ready. Regarding the Friendship League, there are 3 boys' teams and 1 girl's team. A special thank you to Chris Barnes who stepped up to coach and help get this league underway.

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

- Field Hockey – 89 girls are registered and games started this past Saturday. Thank you to Kim Fithen and coaches for all their efforts. Thank you to Barbara for helping set up uniforms for pick up.
- Non-Travel Soccer – Over 300 children between the clinic and in-house league have registered. Comm. Foltiny is still working on recruiting coaches and hopes to start on or about Sept. 21. The Commissioner is hoping to have tees from sponsors instead of uniforms from Recreation for most, if not all, ages.
- Sports Club has issued checks for the following: Balance of monies coaches paid out for Spring travel soccer, 80% of projected officials' costs for Fall South Jersey Soccer League, and field hockey officials' costs.

Commissioner Clotter indicated the cheerleading program started practicing on August 6, 2013. Due to the number of registrants, there are basically three squads: 65#, 80#, and 95-110-125#. Practices are two days a week and the girls will be moving indoors to school gyms starting this week. Also due to the number of cheerleading squads, they will try and cover as many football games as possible. One option is to split up and do the 2nd half of a game and 1st half of the following game and/or to alternate weeks. Comm. Clotter then advised that Kim Gaskin, cheerleading coach at Burl. Twp. High School, offered mats at the Middle School to Rec. cheerleading for practice when the high school cheerleaders are not in the gym. Comm. Clotter will advise when this happens. As of now, the Unlimited Squad practices three days a week at the Middle School, under a previous agreement.

Acting Director Fazekas asked for any information regarding these Rec. cheerleading practices with the High School at the Middle School and the agreement.

The Commissioner informed the program is hoping to have the following fundraisers:

1. Sell chili at football games.
2. Sell spaghetti dinners after the homecoming parade.
3. Game Day Party when the Eagles play the Giants on Oct. 27 at either the Pour House or 45th Street Pub.

Comm. Clotter will be meeting with the parents of those girls on the 65# squad to discuss the program with regards to cheering just for games or games and competitions combined. In order to compete in competitions closer to Burlington, the cheerleading season will end in January, as opposed to December.

In **Commissioner Camm's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni advised there was no report regarding softball.

In **Commissioner Sabatino's** absence, Chairman Pizzigoni reported the following:

- Street Hockey – For the upcoming season, the Commissioner is looking to have a 5 and 6 year old clinic again. The entire program will utilize both Skimmer and Pinewald hockey courts. There are plans to form tournament teams again this year and only those players who signed up for the in-house street hockey program will be allowed to tryout for and play on the tournament teams. Comm. Sabatino will meet with Recreation soon to discuss a possible starting date for late November. Hopefully, games will start in mid-December with the season ending either March 8 or March 15, 2014.
- Roller Hockey – The 2013 season ended in mid-June. The Commissioner would like to congratulate the following coaches and teams for winning their division championship games:
 - Squirt Div. – Orange Team – Coaches Brian Stevens and Brian Falkenstein
 - Pee-Wee Div. – White Team – Coach Eric Houwen
 - Bantam Div. – Orange Team – Coaches Warren Phillips & James Brennan

Comm. Sabatino thanked all of the coaches for dedicating their time in the Spring and for helping to make the season a success.

Chairman Pizzigoni indicated a wrestling instruction program will be starting on Sept. 16, which will be a fundraiser for the high school and the Rec. wrestling program through Sports Club. Once again, the Rec. football program hosted the League weigh-ins at Fountain Woods School on Friday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 7. All went very well. Thank you to Sports Club, especially Donna, Don, and Trish, as well as Mynik Pizzigoni, Diane Flannery-Cook, and the other volunteers for manning the snack table. Opening day for football is Sept. 14. All squads open at home, except the BT Black 65# team. Games on Saturday start at 10 am with the last game starting at 6:15 pm. Sunday's games are at 9 and 10:30 am and 12:15 pm. The entire schedule has been forwarded to Mayor and Council. This year's pep rally will be Friday, Sept. 13 from 6 to 9 pm at Green Acres II. Chairman Pizzigoni invites Mayor Carlin, Council members, Gary Snyder from Public works and all Recreation Commissioners to the event. Thank you to Director Fazekas for working hard to get the scoreboard repaired for opening weekend.

ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Acting Director Stephen Fazekas advised the Commission of the following:

- There is still a position available on the Commission for Alternate #2.
- A drop box will be installed by Oct. 1 at the Recreation Dept. for winter registrations. Only those previously in our programs will be eligible to use it; no new registrants. If registrations placed in the box cannot be processed, an email will be sent to the person and also to the Commissioner in charge of the particular program indicating the reason why.
- The winter registration form will be placed on-line to download. It can be obtained by going to the Township's website and clicking on the Recreation tab.
- At this point, using credit cards, especially on line, are not allowed. Pit Bull, the technology company for the Township, is looking to see if something can be done to stop a registration from going through if a person is in default once credit card use is allowed.

- Regarding the Pep Rally, police officers will be at the park starting at 4:30 pm and then officers on bikes will be out there at 5:00 pm.
- The Recreation Dept. will be open on Saturdays, Sept. 21 and 28 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The next Recreation Comm. meeting will be Oct. 21 with the budget meeting on Oct. 28.
- The new Athletic Director from Doane Academy will be sending a request to once again use baseball field(s) in the Spring of 2014.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Carl Schoenborn stated he was glad to see that Sylvan Lake functioned well this season and congratulated Anthony Pizzigoni on being elected to Chairman of the Recreation Commission. Council Rep. Schoenborn advised the Commission that Steve Fazekas would be sworn in as Recreation Director at the Council Meeting on Sept. 10 and invited all to attend. The Senior Picnic will be held at Sylvan Lake on Sept. 12 at 12 pm and the Springside School's affordable housing will open on Nov. 1. On Wed., Sept. 11, Fountain Woods School will be hosting a Heroes Commemoration Day for fire fighters, emergency medical personnel, and policemen. Council Rep. Schoenborn is proud of the fact that there are over 1000 participants in fall sports programming and was glad to hear the scoreboard at the football field will be fixed in time for games. He will pursue getting a new scoreboard for the 2014 season. In other news around town, Chick-Fil-A should be starting construction the third week of September and, with any luck, the new Shop-Rite should be getting underway by the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Acting Dir. Fazekas inquired as to whether the Commission had received a written proposal from Darryl Gladdin, who attended the August Commission meeting.

Chairman Pizzigoni indicated not yet.

Chairman Pizzigoni inquired as to whether the Procedures Committee, consisting of Tina Carpenter, Mickey Foltiny, and Chris Sabatino, had met yet.

Comm. Carpenter indicated not yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Angelillo advised the Commission he met with Liz Scott from the Burlington Twp. Board of Education to discuss trying to close the gap between the schools' coaches and Recreation programs. Comm. Angelillo would like to see the high school coaches especially become more involved with the Rec. programs so they know the upcoming players. Mrs. Scott and Dr. Manno are also ready to run a seminar to educate the coaches/parents on how to "teach" a child, not just "coach" a program.

NEW BUSINESS – cont'd.

Chairman Pizzigoni advised Recreation's Budget Meeting will be Oct. 28. Anyone wishing to be on the Budget Committee should advise Chairman Pizzigoni. Three commissioners are needed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$31,356.20 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of August 2013.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:50.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office