

April 8, 2013
19:00

Chairwoman Diane Flannery-Cook 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 at start of meeting were Diane Flannery-Cook, Mickey Foltiny, Chris Sabatino, and Matt Senni. Commissioner Tina Carpenter arrived late. Commissioners Gene Camm, Lisa Clotter, and Anthony Pizzigoni were not present.

Chairwoman Diane Flannery-Cook noted Council Representative Carl Schoenborn was in attendance, as was Acting Recreation Director Walt Corter.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at this time.

After a review of the March 11, 2013 Recreation Commission 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

As there was no one from the public to speak, Chairwoman Flannery-Cook closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Foltiny thanked James Craig for his time and commitment to the recreation program; he will be missed. Regarding non-travel soccer, rosters will be finalized shortly. Volunteers have been an ongoing problem and caused delayed starts. Comm. Foltiny is hoping to start practices the weekend of April 13 with games beginning the week after. There will be 4 teams in the Major Division, 6 in the Senior Division, and 8 in the Junior Division. The Major and Senior Divisions will be coordinated by Comm. Foltiny and the Junior Division by John Zerillo. Uniform distribution will be coordinated with Recreation. The season should conclude the weekend of June 14. The Pre-K Soccer Clinic, coordinated by Brian Carlin, is projected to start on Friday, April 19 at Green Acres 2. Picture Day for soccer will be 4/27 and for baseball 5/18.

The Commissioner is awaiting confirmation from the schools. Comm. Foltiny thanked Walt Corter for meeting to discuss soccer field needs. Steve Macrae is in the process of submitting the Certificate of Incorporation for 501C3 for the Burlington Twp. Sports Club Foundation. Comm. Foltiny then informed the Commission that a hoagie fundraiser will be held on May 18 and, if any other Commissioners would like to participate, to please let him know.

Commissioner Sabatino advised the Roller Hockey program has approximately 130 children registered. Equipment pick up will be Thursday, April 11 with new player evaluations Saturday, April 13. Rosters will follow. Practices are slated to start the week of April 15 with games starting April 27. The Commissioner will be utilizing both Skimmer and Pinewald hockey courts in order to have games during the week, as well as Saturdays. The program should end by June 15. Comm. Sabatino thanked the Rec. Dept. for their help with getting the season started.

Regarding the three tournament teams for Street Hockey, Comm. Sabatino indicated all played in Marlton. It was a great learning experience and the kids enjoyed it. Thanks to all the parents for supporting their children and the teams. The teams had the following records in the tournament:

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| Ages 7-9 | 0 - 3 |
| Ages 10-12 | 0 - 1 - 2 |
| Ages 13-15 | 1 - 2 - 0 |

Comm. Senni informed the Commission that the South Jersey Soccer program is at the mid-point with several Township teams in contention to place first in their divisions. Fall soccer registrations will open on April 13 with a May 3 deadline to register for tryouts. Tryouts will probably be held the weeks of May 6 and May 13. Information can be found on the soccer website. The Friendship League will be involved with the Pineland League and will be starting the weekend of April 13. There will be five teams from Township in the League.

In **Commissioner Pizzigoni's** absence, Chairwoman Flannery-Cook read his reports as follows:

1. Target date for Pep Rally is Friday, Sept. 13, 2013. Planning has not yet started but permits will be pulled and they anticipate using the same format as last year.
2. Comm. Pizzigoni will be meeting with Comm. Camm to lock down the dates for the summer football camp. It is their intent to design a flyer to promote both the summer camp and football registration with the hopes Rec. can call the Board of Ed and have them distributed through the schools. This will be different, but will support the registration form normally distributed.
3. Comm. Pizzigoni wanted to check with Acting Dir. Walt Corter and Rec. to see what the plan is for preparing the football game and practice fields for the upcoming season as far as fertilization and repair.
4. A second question to Acting Dir. Corter involves Comm. Pizzigoni being informed on two occasions in the last month that there seems to be an organized practice of an adult football team on the game field at Green Acres 2. A few months back, a semi pro regional team requested permission to use the fields for practices/games. The Commissioner turned them down due to concerns of damage to the fields. The Commissioner also felt that their website consisted of unacceptable material and did not want that element on the fields. Comm. Pizzigoni feels that may be the team practicing and believes one of the players is a Township resident. His question is, "Do they have the right to practice on the field?" Has any fertilizer or other product been applied to the field that they may be disturbing? On both occasions, it was a Tuesday night.

Regarding the wrestling program, Comm. Pizzigoni indicated Sports Club will be sponsoring a wrestling clinic fundraiser to be held at the wrestling room at the Burlington Twp. High School. The cost will be \$30 and is open to Township residents from 6th – 12th grade. The clinic will be every Wednesday from April 10 – June 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Ramon Santiago of Rider University and several others will be teaching technique and drilling.

At this time, Acting Dir. Corter advised that no fertilizer or other products have been applied yet and also instructed Chairwoman Flannery-Cook to have Comm. Pizzigoni contact him to discuss the football field.

In **Commissioner Camm's** absence, Chairwoman Flannery-Cook read his report as follows:

Congratulations to the Boys 8th Grade Travel Basketball Team coached by Jeff Davis for winning the championship. This is the 4th year in a row for Coach Davis. Regarding baseball, Rec. games begin April 8, thus the reason for the Commissioner's absence. The Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth programs will not begin for a couple more weeks. Coaches are still needed for the Babe Ruth teams. Senior Babe Ruth enrollment is very weak with only two registered to date.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook reported 150 girls are registered for the Softball program for a total of 13 teams. Games will begin on April 20 and end June 1 utilizing fields at Skimmer, Ridgewood and the Middle School. Uniform pick up is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17. Regarding field hockey, there will not be a summer program due to lack of numbers caused by vacations and camps.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Acting Director Walt Corter indicated he is looking forward to working with the Commission until a new Director is chosen, for which interviews are currently underway. Acting Dir. Corter advised the Commission to please follow proper procedure when any problems arise and address him first before going to the Mayor. Within six days of working with the Rec. Dept., he realizes there is not enough personnel to handle everything. However, things are getting done, (i.e., soccer fields, baseball fields). Moving forward, when a Director is determined, please bring any problems to the Director, then Councilman Schoenborn or the Twp. Administrator, not the Mayor. Problems need to be handled at the proper level first. Anytime an issue is brought to Acting Dir./Twp. Administrator Corter, he will answer as soon as possible.

Acting Dir. Corter also indicated he would coordinate with Comm. Sabatino regarding surface applications at the Pinewald hockey court. Rec. Dept. personnel will attend the next Recreation Commission meeting in order to discuss and coordinate field maintenance, including the use of growth blankets.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Carl Schoenborn advised the Commission that Earth Day/Clean-Up Day is scheduled for April 20. The Committee is still looking for neighborhood captains and will possibly run a block ad for help. The day will finish at Green Acres II with hot dogs and prizes for all involved. Council Rep Schoenborn indicated a nice job was done with an email sent to residents regarding Fall registrations, especially that it included information about concussion certificates. The Council Rep then told the Commission the Burlington Township Athletic Hall of Fame Committee would be holding its 2nd annual induction ceremony on May 11 at the Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Dr., Westampton. Reception is 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7. Tickets are \$45. Call 609-941-5311 or email jrhowellmn@aol.com for tickets. Athlete inductees are: Kevin Blakemore (1996), Lokia Brice (97), Bryan Freeman (68), Greg Howard (78), Chris Hutton (94), Gary McGair (74), Shawn Williams (88), and Luke Uzupis (78). Also being inducted are Herb Lorenz, longtime cross country and track coach; Rocky Vizzacco (68), as a contributor; and Ed Viereck, contributor. Lorenz and Viereck will be inducted posthumously.

OLD BUSINESS

Per Comm. Foltiny, the Irving Fryar Bootcamp requested the use of Green Acres fields again from 5:30 am to 6:45 am from May 20 to Oct. 1.

Acting Dir. Corter indicated they need to obtain a permit from the Clerk's Office.

Comm. Sabatino asked whether grant proposals were announced.

Acting Dir. Corter indicated no, but would sit down with Engineering and the Commissioners to discuss when the time comes. Besides proposals at Green Acres 4, the Director feels the tennis courts at Green Acres I should be looked at.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook asked the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the proposed 2013 budget for Recreation programming. If not, she would like a motion to approve. Comm. Foltiny made a motion to approve the 2013 Budget for Recreation Programming. Comm. Senni seconded the motion. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Carpenter – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, Chairwoman Flannery-Cook – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Comm. Sabatino inquired as to whether it was still permissible to obtain sponsors for programming.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook indicated yes and that it needed to go through Sports Club.

Acting Dir. Corter indicated he is waiting for a proposal from a company who will place tasteful ads in some of the parks which will help pay for recreation in the municipality.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Foltiny inquired as to whether a parent needed consent if, while sitting in their car, videotaped soccer practice.

Acting Dir. Corter indicated he would check with the solicitor. However, he did not think it was illegal. If the person was a stranger and not a known parent, the Director advised the police should be called to investigate.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$8,018.27 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of March 2013.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office