

February 11, 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 were Gene Camm, Diane Flannery-Cook, Mickey Foltiny, Chris Sabatino, Anthony Pizzigoni, and Matt Senni. Commissioners Tina Carpenter and Lisa Clotter were not present.

Chairwoman Diane Flannery-Cook noted Council Representative Carl Schoenborn, Councilmen Cantwell and Kozub, and Director of Recreation James Craig were also in attendance.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Recreation Director James Craig indicated there was no correspondence.

After a review of the January 14, 2013 Recreation Commission Meeting minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Foltiny to accept the minutes. Commissioner Pizzigoni seconded this motion. A unanimous supporting vote followed.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

**Don Neff**, Co-Treasurer of Sports Club, advised the Commissioners that the next working meeting would be Feb. 12, 2013 and the next open meeting would be Feb. 26, 2013 at 8 pm at the Lake Building.

**Kevin Shoppas**, Public Safety Director, approached the Commission with information regarding background checks. PSD Shoppas indicated the Police Dept. could not do background checks using fingerprints for coaches, however, outside sources could be used. He indicated the Fire District uses InstantVerificationInc.com (732-740-1863). After some discussion, PSD Shoppas advised the best way to handle background checks would be to recommend to Mayor and Council to pass an ordinance noting specific criteria, (i.e., timeframe, appeal process, where documents live, who bears cost, who receives documents). He indicated there are many gray areas that should be discussed and that the Twp. Solicitor should probably be involved.

**Councilman Cantwell** advised the Commission that the County's yearly grants are coming up shortly so the Commission should prepare by coming up with a list of possible projects for over the next few years. Councilman Cantwell also indicated that school enrollments peaked at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level, so the Commissioners should take that into consideration when thinking about their programs and field use, since registration numbers will be leveling off. Last, the Councilman indicated he heard that professional football now uses a product called Kevlar in their helmets to help prevent concussions and was this something the Commission should look into.

**Councilman Kozub** indicated he would discuss with the Twp. Solicitor at Tuesday's Council meeting what would be needed to proceed with background checks.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Commissioner Camm** indicated the boys travel basketball program is winding down. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team is 12-2 and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, who has been struggling, is 0-10. Recreational basketball games have started and playoffs will begin in two weeks with the championship games scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Academic All-Star games scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. Picture Day has been rescheduled due to the weather.

Regarding baseball, coaching interviews were held last month and coaches will be announced once registrations are finalized. At this point, Comm. Camm is anticipating having 32 teams again in five divisions (Low Rookie 5 & 6, High Rookie 7, American 8 & 9, National 9 & 10, and Majors 11 & 12). Weather permitting, plans are to start games on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Comm. Camm indicated he had some other issues, but would follow-up with the Rec. Dept.

**Comm. Pizzigoni** advised the football banquet was cancelled due to poor participation. Hopefully, adjustments can be made and one will be held next year. The Commissioner thanked Mayor Carlin and Town Council for recognizing the championship teams at the Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. The 80 lb. varsity, 110 lb. junior varsity, and Jr. High teams were recognized.

Regarding wrestling, Comm. Pizzigoni indicated home meets were held on Sundays, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all parents, coaches, and players for doing a great job with setting up and cleaning up. The Commissioner also thanked Sports Club for setting up the snack table. Over the last three matches, Burlington Twp. has had a winning percentage of over 60%, which is a great job by the wrestlers. The following are some achievements by Township's wrestlers:

- Anthony Cook – Won the NJ State Novice wrestling association title for 45 lb. Bantam division this past weekend.
- In the Best of the Best Tournament on Feb. 3:
  1. Kyle Leinheiser finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 106 lb. intermediate division.
  2. Kerim Cakir finished 1<sup>st</sup> uncontested in the 190 lb. intermediate division.
  3. Alex Loprinzi finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 81 lb. intermediate division.

The last team match is Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at Hightstown, NJ and the Grapevine Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery, NJ.

**Comm. Senni** advised that South Jersey Travel soccer teams will start games the weekend of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Township will have nine girls teams and eight boys teams participating. Hopefully, practices will start on Feb. 18, weather permitting. The Friendship soccer program will start in late March with five to six teams participating.

**Commissioner Sabatino** indicated the 5-6 year old street hockey program will end on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. The participants played a total of 16 games at both Skimmer and in the Fountain Woods School Gym. Hopefully, the street hockey program will finish on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the following games at the Green Acres IV hockey facility:

- Squirt Division Winter Classic Game – 10 am
- Pee Wee Division Mayor's Cup Game – 12 pm
- Bantam Division Championship Game – 2 pm

An invitation via email will be sent to Mayor and Council regarding the championship games. Comm. Sabatino will work with the Rec. Dept. regarding the best way to have uniforms/equipment returned. This season there are three travel street hockey tournament teams. These teams will play a tournament in March in Marlton and in April in Gloucester. The spring roller hockey program will start in mid-April. Registrations are currently being accepted for this program.

**Commissioner Foltiny** reported indoor soccer will be finished on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Commissioner thanked all the volunteers for helping at the snack table and Sports Club for providing the concessions. During indoor soccer, the teams participated in a food drive and approximately 7-8 bags were collected. Picture day has been rescheduled for Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> and a new time schedule will come out shortly. Regarding spring non-travel soccer, the numbers are a little low at this time. Comm. Foltiny is hoping to hold an open house for soccer to advise and discuss with parents their options when registering a child for soccer, either in-house or travel.

Comm. Foltiny then requested a Section 8 to discuss an internal matter.

**Chairwoman Flannery-Cook** indicated approximately 105 girls have registered for softball to date with plans to cut off registrations at the end of the month. Once again, Burlington Twp. will partner with Sacred Heart CYO for playing games. Chairwoman Flannery-Cook indicated there will be a softball clinic with Nicolette Pagan (Burl. Twp. High School Softball Coach) on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the High School and Sports Club.

Comm. Camm asked Chairwoman Flannery-Cook if she would ask Sacred Heart not to accept Township residents because it is hurting our program. The Chairwoman indicated she would talk to Sacred Heart's Commissioner. However, Sacred Heart puts together a district team and in order to try out or be on that team, a person must participate in the regular program.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Recreation Director James Craig advised the Commission of the following:

1. The Recreation Dept. will be open on the following Saturdays: Feb. 16, March 2 and 16, 2013. The hours of operation are 10 am to 2 pm.
2. The State of New Jersey will be transitioning to online submission of Financial Disclosure Statements as required annually by state statute. The process remains in the preliminary stages. As further info is provided by the Township Clerk's office, the Rec. Dept. will forward to Commissioners. The Commissioners are welcome to use the computers at the Rec. Dept.

3. Commissioners have received in their packs the 2013 Summer & Fall registration form and program explanation sheets. Any changes and revisions are due by March 11, 2013 to the Rec. Dept.
4. The Rec. Director will also be looking into “tryout” lists for those programs that require tryouts. Currently, what is being done does not comport with the ordinance, (i.e., taking a registration form but no fee) so this needs to be addressed. The Director will draft something to Administration to address tryout lists specifically for tryouts so forms can be collected without collecting fees. He will keep the Commission informed.

## **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**

Council Representative Carl Schoenborn informed the Commissioners the lighting project at Green Acres II should be completed within the next two weeks. He also congratulated the coaches of the football teams recognized at the Council meeting. Council Rep Schoenborn advised the Commission that, per PSD Shoppas, they should discuss and put together a letter of recommendation with specifics regarding background checks for Mayor and Council.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Comm. Camm thanked Sports Club for their current financial reporting; the detail is great.

Comm. Sabatino asked how County grant requests should be handled.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook indicated a sub-committee, including the Rec. Director and Engineering, should be put together.

Rec. Director Craig strongly recommended submitting any requests as soon as possible. Projects to consider would be upgrading the tennis courts at Green Acres I and replacing lights at baseball fields.

Councilman Kozub indicated the sooner the better since Engineering needs to work up costs.

Comm. Camm recommended prioritizing the projects by use. He also asked Director Craig if he would contact Delran Township to see where they received a big grant to refurbish their fields. Was it through the County or other avenues?

At this time, a Sub-Committee consisting of Commissioners Foltiny, Sabatino, and Senni was put together. Anyone having suggestions should email them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

At 20:00 Chairperson Flannery-Cook asked for a motion to go into Section 8 to discuss an internal matter. Comm. Foltiny made the motion, seconded by Comm. Camm. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Pizzigoni – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, and Chairwoman Flannery-Cook – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

At 20:04 Chairperson Flannery-Cook asked for a motion to come out of Section 8 after discussing an internal matter. Comm. Foltiny made the motion, seconded by Comm. Pizzigoni. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Pizzigoni – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, and Chairwoman Flannery-Cook – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Comm. Foltiny then made a motion to reopen the meeting. Comm. Pizzigoni seconded the motion. A vote was taken and tabulated as follows: Comm. Camm – aye, Comm. Foltiny – aye, Comm. Sabatino – aye, Comm. Pizzigoni – aye, Comm. Senni – aye, and Chairwoman Flannery-Cook – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Commission was informed that \$5,390.64 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of January 2013.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:10.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council  
Administrator  
Clerk's Office