

May 13, 2013
19:10

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 meeting were Diane Flannery-Cook, Mickey Foltiny, Gene Camm, and Matt Senni. Commissioners Tina Carpenter, Lisa Clotter, Chris Sabatino, 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 April 8, 2013 Recreation Commission 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

Dept. of Recreation employees Blair Spencer, Brian Stevens, and Leo Kelly addressed the Commission, at the request of Acting Director Walt Corter, to discuss field maintenance. Sample soil test reports and information regarding prevention of field closures, field closure guidelines, and field refurb procedures were discussed. Some main topics of discussion were the use of turf blankets and keeping the public off them once installed, starting maintenance as soon as programs are finished, and that timing when applying product is very important.

Comm. Camm inquired as to whether field maintenance could be outsourced.

Acting Dir. Corter indicated it has been considered but, at this point, would like to keep in-house. He asked the Commissioners to identify other fields, even those not irrigated, they might like included to have specific maintenance on, so he could discuss with the Governing Body. Acting Dir. Corter advised he will put something in writing and pass along to the Chairperson to share with the Commission regarding what can be done, including limiting field usage and laying out fields differently each year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Camm indicated he had no report regarding basketball. Regarding spring baseball, there are only two weeks left with Closing Day activities to be held on June 1. Travel teams are set and will include a total of 6 teams: 11 and 12 year old combined team, 10 year old, 9 year old, and three 7 and 8 year old teams.

Commissioner Senni advised that South Jersey teams are basically finished with only a couple of make-up games left. Some teams will also be participating in tournaments in the next few weeks. Congratulations to Joe Oliver's U15 Lightning and Mike Pollard's U12 Warriors as they will probably win their flights. Tryouts for the 2013 Fall season started on May 13.

At this point Comm. Camm inquired, from a scheduling standpoint, could tryouts be on a different night, as children are missing baseball games to attend tryouts.

Comm. Senni indicated a child only needed to be at one of two tryout dates, but will try to work something out.

Commissioner Foltiny advised there are over 275 children participating in the non-travel soccer program and the soccer clinic combined. Comm. Foltiny thanked the coaches and young adults for helping and volunteering their time with both programs. The Commissioner also thanked Challenger for providing a free trainer on Friday nights for the Majors Division. This year, the Soccer Coaches Association will be donating money for two \$150 scholarships to be awarded to two high school seniors. The deadline to order hoagies for the fundraiser is May 13 and referee fees are being reconciled for the end of the spring season.

In **Commissioner Sabatino's** absence, Chairwoman Flannery-Cook read the Commissioner's report indicating there was nothing to report regarding street hockey at this time. However, the roller hockey season is up and running. There will be a Hockey Skate Night fundraiser on June 1 from 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm at Holiday Skate Center. Comm. Sabatino is looking to end the roller hockey season on Saturday, June 15 with championship games as follows:

- 12:00 pm – Mites Division (7-11 year olds)
- 1:00 pm – Pee-Wee Division (12-14 year olds)
- 2:00 pm – Bantam Division (15-17 year olds)

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

The spring track season is going well. The season will conclude with meets in Disneyworld from July 6-14, 2013. Payment for Alliance meets is due and information will be given to the Rec. Dept. to process payment.

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

1. Pep Rally is Friday, Sept. 13, 2013. Planning will begin in June. Permits will be pulled and we anticipate the same format as last year.
2. Summer Camp will be Monday, June 24-27 from 6 pm to 8 pm each evening. The instruction will again be done by Coach Maderia and former and current players. The game field is being fertilized this week. Football must coordinate with soccer to see what fields are available since soccer has a camp running that week as well.
3. Question to Admin. Corter and Rec: Can we schedule a weekly walk through of the football and soccer fields throughout the season by the new Rec. Director to ensure holes are being filled and maintenance is being performed? Is it possible to get the fields rolled? The sprinklers can be marked with flags and rolling performed.
4. Helmets should be returned to Rec. from the reconditioning no later than 1st week of June. We need to please get everything in order upstairs in the football room to make it easier to return our inventory to the shelves. Upon receipt of the helmets, we will have a complete inventory and age assessment on all helmets with the exception of any that were not turned in by players in a timely fashion after last season.
5. Football registration has started. As of May 10, 32 children have registered.
6. Burlington Twp. is scheduled to host weigh-ins again on Friday evening Sept. 6 and all day Saturday, Sept. 7. Barb will be submitting dates to Adrienne Bilotta in June to request Fountain Woods School again. It went very well last year and the layout of the gym and cafeteria was perfect.

Regarding wrestling, the Sports Club wrestling clinic is still running every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 pm through June 5 at the high school wrestling room. Coach Litner and his wrestlers will be hosting a free clinic for the Twp. residents in June. We are currently trying to work out the dates so that we can do it when school is open and custodians will already be on duty as we did last year.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook reported the softball program is going well. On May 19, there will be a Sr. Division All-Star Game at Skimmer 2. Regarding the upcoming field hockey program, the Chairwoman indicated the program is rapidly growing and she may need to find money to fund more teams this season.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Acting Director Walt Corter thanked the Commission for their understanding and help through this time. Please feel free to email with any questions/concerns. Chairwoman Flannery-Cook and the Acting Director talk frequently to discuss any issues. Regarding temporary fencing and tarps, Sports Club through the Baseball Coaches Association, will provide. It was agreed the tarps will be put on and taken off by the Coaches Association. Acting Dir. Corter also thanked the Commissioners for participating in the survey put forth by the Township Treasurer. She will compile the information which will help her make a pamphlet for all the Commissioners regarding the budget process.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Carl Schoenborn advised the Commissioners that Jack Gaunt passed away last week. Council Rep also indicated two more individuals will be interviewed for the Recreation Director position. Hopefully, a decision will be made by June 1, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

As there was no old business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook advised the Rec. Dept. would be open on the following Saturdays in June from 10 am to 2 pm: June 15 and June 22.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was informed that \$6,363.47 was turned over to the Township Treasurer during the month of April 2013.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:53.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

Barbara A. Dooley

cc: Mayor and Council
Administrator
Clerk's Office