

January 23, 2012
19:00

Chairwoman Diane Flannery-Cook called the special Recreation Commission Meeting to order to discuss the 2012 budget noting the Open Public Meeting Act has been honored with notices sent to the Burlington County Times, Camden Courier Post, and Trenton Time. A block ad was also published by the Burlington County Times.

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

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook noted Council Representative Carl Schoenborn was not in attendance, however, Director of Recreation James Craig was.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook first opened the meeting to the public.

Joe DiGiovanni, President of Sport Club, handed out information pertaining to what Sports Club paid out for recreational purposes only in 2011, as well as information regarding payment to officials in 2011.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook then presented her 2012 budget draft; indicating figures were estimates, especially with regard to Rider fees. Chairwoman Flannery-Cook advised that paying officials for in-house programs was getting costly and that, possibly, the Commission needs to entertain charging extra to cover this cost.

Comm. Camm thought that each sport needed to be looked at individually with regards to how much the registration fee should be. He also believes non-residents should not pay double the registration fee that a resident pays.

Comm. Foltiny brought up the fact that guest players for soccer tournaments are required to pay the Township's registration fee. He would like to see this modified to allow a maximum of three guest players to play with a Burlington Twp. New Jersey Youth Soccer affiliated team, in tournament play, without having to register. These players must already be carded with NJYS which means they are properly insured. This would be for one tournament in the Fall and one in the Spring. It would allow some teams that have small rosters to experience tournament play, which is part of the soccer experience.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook asked Recreation Director Craig to check with the Solicitor regarding these players signing some sort of waiver instead of paying the registration fee.

Chairwoman Flannery-Cook then asked Joe DiGiovanni to clarify that monies for “BT Officials” go into Sports Club’s general account, which he did. Chairwoman Flannery-Cook then requested that Sports Club put the “BT Officials” money into a separate account for accounting purposes. The Chairwoman then requested Sports Club submit a recap of 2011 regarding all income and payouts and indicated she would email Sports Club a template of just what the Commission is looking for.

Joe DiGiovanni indicated that would be helpful so he knows exactly what they need.

In conclusion, Chairwoman Flannery-Cook indicated the Budget Committee, consisting of herself, Comm. Camm, and Comm. Foltiny, would start to look at each individual program and bring their thoughts back to the Commission at the next regular Commission meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:56.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by:

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