

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

The Wednesday, January 13, 2013 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room - at 7:30pm. Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Lau Chris Ilg, Pete Smith, Bob Smith Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock, Director Bobbi Conway Councilman, Alphonse Bartelloni

Absent: Penny Smith, Val Duran , Alicia Armental, Jim Teehan

Approval of Minutes: The approval of the minutes of the January 16th, 2013 meeting was tabled due to lack of quorum for members attending the 1-16-13 meeting.

Open Public Session-Visitors - none

Director's Report - The Director reviewed the content and details of the monthly report.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Pete Cameron, Catch the Heat Baseball Camp - to Recreation Commission re: request for use of KBG field for Camp
2. Memo to Mayor and Council from Alan P Negreann 1-23-13 - re: Open Space Trust Fund Money explanation
3. Memo to DPW from Recreation Commission Re: request for aerating and seeding of field and parks
4. Memo to DPW from Recreation Commission : Memorial Park Building repair update request noting dates of park use and schedule of repair
5. Memo from John Lynch 1-14-13 - response to request - Memorial Park Building update
6. Fee Ordinance for approval - Camp Fees

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2013 Budget - Capital - Open Space - The Commission reviewed the Mayor and Council draft allocation of 2013 Open Space - A. Bartelloni reported that the 2-11-13 allocation draft did not include the take down of the tennis court trees based on the final discussions of the Mayor and Council noting that the Mayor and Council left that funding up to the Recreation Commission. The DPW would not be able to remove the trees due to the difficulty in getting to the trees. Council suggested possible funding sources: available leftover operating funds in November, Field Maintenance Trust Funds or tennis fee funds. The Commission discussed that Field Maintenance Trust Funds are collected from field use participants - youth and adult - and are to be used for field maintenance and repair not the tennis courts. Tennis membership fees collected are for the maintenance of the courts but may not cover the full cost of the removal of the trees after covering the annual maintenance costs. Noted is that the plantings to replace the removed trees were approved in the Open Space allocation. Also noted was that the Cherry Blossom Park sprinkler system was listed in the allocation. C. Sherlock asked why the sprinklers were approved before a plan has been approved as all of our previous park project plans required an approval by the Mayor and Council before allocation of funding or construction. It was explained by A. Bartelloni that the back of the Cherry Blossom Park was to become a tree farm and that saplings are arriving shortly so the need for a sprinkler system to be in place.

- B. No Smoking in River Edge Parks -Ordinance – The Director put together a draft letter requesting a no smoking ordinance be considered by the Mayor and Council. The Commission approved the letter to be sent to the Mayor and Council along with the Paramus no-smoking in parks ordinance and articles from the Record regarding this issue.
- C. 2013 River Edge Run – discussed during the Director’s report – The Director also updated the Commission on the Major Sponsors to date.
- D. 2013 Field Scheduling Meeting – covered in Director’s Report –The Commission agreed that the emergency evacuation plan from field facilities was a good idea. The final approval of these plans should be the responsibility of the OEM.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bus Trips 2013- As a result reviewing the Director’s Report regarding bus trips, the Commission members voiced concern of the success of the weekday trips.
- B. Camp 2013 The Camp program will begin on July 1st with the last day August 2nd. US Sports Camps will begin on April 8th during Spring Break week. Sport Squirts will be begin April 17th - Camp Fees will be discussed at the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm pm by motion from C Lau seconded by B. Smith. All in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is March 20th , 2013 at 7:30pm.