

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 21 , 2012

The Wednesday, March 21, 2012 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd floor Conference Room - at 7:40pm. Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Lau, Penny Smith, Bob Smith, Anthony Cappola, Chris Ilg, Alicia Armental, Cindy Sherlock, Director Bobbi Conway, Council Liaison Alphonse Barttelloni

Absent: Val Duran, Pete Smith

Open Public Session: No visitors

Approval of Minutes: The motion for approval of the minutes of the February 15th 2012 meeting was presented by C Lau, seconded by P. Smith. All present voted in favor.

Director's Monthly Report:

The Director reviewed the monthly report. Additional discussion: The Recreation Commission members reviewed and discussed the request to allow non-residents to attend the Recreation Playground Program. A. Armental submitted a motion to allow non-residents who attend River Edge Schools to register and attend the Playground Program. Motion was seconded by C. Lau. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Musco Lighting Project – the request for capital budget funding of this project was denied. The Commission determined to seek grants for this project through the newly appointed Capital Alternatives Group and also to pursue the Open Space Trust Fund referendum potentially slated for November 2012 as a matching grant.

Correspondence:

1. Proposal #35-67757-1 – Ben Shaffer and Associates for Veterans Memorial Park North project
2. Run Agenda

OLD BUSINESS:

A 2012 Operating Budget is \$4,950.00– Open Space Allocation is \$5,000 for park maintenance \$4834.12 for Salary for C. Etter park maintenance -Capital Budget 2012 – Musco Lighting proposal denied

B. Field Maintenance Update – Spring cleaning and set up of all fields has been completed by TPC Landscape Design – Clay has been delivered and spread with extra in the DPW bin- DPW will drag twice a week based on the budget results - TBD

C. Little League Playground Design and Proposal – The Commission approved the Ben

Shaffer Design and approved the funding to be taken from Park Rehab line of the Recreation Dedicated Trust Fund representing the proceeds of the River Edge Run. The Recreation Commission approved the movement of \$8,000 from the River Edge Run line to the Park Rehab line of the Recreation Dedicated Trust Account. All present voted in favor.

D. Concussion Training Prevention Presentation- NJ Concussion Center – March 19th review – C. Sherlock reported that there were 135 Volunteer Coaches in attendance at the seminar. Dr. Catherine Mazzola, Pediatric Neurosurgeon, made an excellent presentation and was very thorough with her information.

E. River Edge Run 2012 agenda- the Director brought the Commission up to date on the run and discussed day of event responsibilities

F. Computer for Recreation Office – the Commission approved the purchase of a computer for the Recreation Office with the Director submitting a quote for their approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm by motion from C. Lau seconded by P. Smith. All in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is April 18th at 7:30pm in the second floor conference room.

Director's Report
for the Recreation Commission Meeting of
March 21st

Please note that the **Concussion Training for Volunteer Coaches is Monday March 19th** - to date there are 150 Coaches signed up to attend. The NJ Concussion Center will be making the presentation at 7:30pm at the Middle School Auditorium.

I would request that Commission members assist in greeting and checking in the participants at the lobby as the coaches arrive. Please let me know if you will be available at 7:00pm to help out!! Thank you !

River Edge Run - The applications went out to all River Edge residents. The Town News Ad will be in the March 22nd edition - full page color ad and in the Pascack Valley paper 3" by 10" ad. There will be an article about the run in the Town News on March 29th. The full page RE Run ad is in the Metro Race Forum Catalogue - page 5 - great location. Banners at 140 Kinderkamack and school fences will be up by March 23rd. I would request that Commissioners take applications for distribution to local businesses that you frequent.

Rutgers SAFETY Certification Clinic - originally scheduled for March 1st but postponed due to low number of participants - now scheduled for Tuesday April 3rd - 7-10pm -much better response and registrations are being received

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 31st at 1:00pm in Memorial Park with the raindate April 1st - 1:00pm -- Flyers for the US Sports 3 to 5yr. T-Ball, Soccer and Multi-Sport Camps and Spring Camps will be handed out. Also Phineas and Ferb and Playground Program Forms

Phineas and Ferb -April 9th MSG - 12:00 noon - tickets are selling very well to date

TENNIS - Tennis members received their renewal letters - Renewal cards with new pass code number will go out March 19th -Tennis Courts will open Wednesday March 21st - Barry Ruback Clinics start March 28th. Jack Kane has agreed to organize the Jr. Team Tennis Program - more information will be forthcoming as to the open house and registration

ICE HOCKEY - New program for River Edge residents - Oradell - Westwood - Washington Twnshp- Ice Hockey Clinics for 2nd - 8th grade on Sundays April 22nd - May 20th directed by Brian Sharkey - RDHS Head Coach - supporting a feeder program to the high school - Westwood Recreation taking the lead on this program

CAMP - Counselor applications have been sent out to returning counselors and new counselors letter and applications are available and approximately 45 have been picked up. Program bus trips scheduled to bowling-ice house- bounce u- batting cages - looking into the Van Saun Zoo and Monster golf. Resident has asked that the Commission allow St. Peters students who are non-residents to attend our camp - this subject will be on the agenda for discussion.

Musco Lighting Project - 2012 Capital budget request has been denied for this year - Although the project is still alive it will require creative grant research and matching funds through *possible* 2013 Open Space Trust - Capital Alternatives has been hired by the Mayor and Council to handle grant writing and research - With the approval of the Commission, I will contact Capital Alternatives to start the grant research process and to begin our marketing strategies for the need of future open space funding. This project is similar to our Tennis Court Renovation Project which took three years to gather enough funding from grants and open space.

Little League Playground Project - Scott from Ben Shafer completed the rendering for the playground and projected estimate which will be reviewed at our meeting.

- US Sports 3-5 year old Spring Clinics will begin the week of April 16th
- Men's Softball League games will start on April 16th
- River Edge Run -Saturday April 21st
- Little League Opening Day - Saturday April 28th
- REGAL Opening Day - Sunday April 29th