

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2012

The Wednesday, October 17, 2012 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room - at 7:30pm. Vice-Chairwoman Val Duran called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Lau, Penny Smith, Bob Smith, Alicia Armental, V. Duran, Pete Smith, Director Bobbi Conway

Approval of Minutes: The motion to approve the minutes of the September 19th 2012 meeting was presented by C Lau, seconded by P. Smith. All present voted in favor.

Open Public Session: Ken Krauthem – CAC President – was present to review the need to promote the Open Space Referendum to the leagues and to discuss the proposed capital expenditures in particular the Lightning Warning System at the fields and KBG Lights

Correspondence:

1. Open Space Mailer draft
2. Release of Liability – Bus Trips includes required signature
3. Halloween Parade Flyer
4. Pricing Plan for on-line registration
5. Paramus Ordinance – No Smoking in Parks and Recreational Areas for reference
6. Email covering Rec and Shade Tree Meeting on Tennis Courts – re: trees

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2012 Open Space Referendum – The Commission reviewed and revised the wording for the mailer that is to be in homes by November 1st – Printing will be paid for partially by 2012 Operating printing line and by 2012 Open Space funds. A. Armental will coordinate the printing and delivery to the director for mailing.
- B. Lightning Warning System- The Commission discussed the need of a lightning warning system in the light of the tragic lightning strike death in Demarest. Oradell has a system in place that was purchased and installed by Strike Guard. This system detected lightning in the area that same Friday night and was activated postponing the River Dell Football Game but may have malfunctioned to signal the okay to return to activities. The Commission will propose that a lightning system be purchased for the KBG field and Little League. The Middle School field may be tied into the River Edge System as well– The Middle School is not part of the High School –Oradell Lightning Warning System. Office of Emergency Management may want to spearhead this project for the protection of the whole town. Once the results of the Open Space Referendum are known – the funding of this project will become clearer.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bus Trip Liability -Waiver – the director explained that there is a need to have bus trip participants sign a liability waiver for the protection of the borough and the participant. The Commission unanimously agreed to the wording of the release that was approved by the Borough Attorney. This release will be page two of every bus trip registration form and must be signed by every participant.

B. Special Events

1. Casino Trip – originally scheduled October 21 to Resorts Casino Atlantic City is re-scheduled for November 4th due to transportation issues – new registration forms have been distributed
2. Halloween Parade– October 27th 3:00pm –Vice Chair – Val Duran will spearhead this event - The magician is set for a 3:30pm performance– the supplies for the treats and refreshments are purchased – Commissioners volunteered for specific duties
3. Holiday Lighting Ceremony – The Commission set the date of December 1st for this event – the location has been changed to the front of the borough hall with the refreshments in the Fire House – the participants will gather in front of the Library and walk – sing carols down Tenney Avenue – with Rudolph and Frosty leading the way - refreshments and Santa will be in the Fire House after the ceremony – Shade Tree is suppose to plant a tree in the front of Borough Hall for the lighting ceremony
4. River Edge Run 2013 –The director reported that the Melanoma Foundation will once again partner with the Recreation Commission for the 2013 River Edge Run Event on April 20th. The previously changed 5k Run Event "Day of Race" fee of \$30.00 (for all who register on April 20th for the 5k race) was revised to \$27.00. The Healthwalk "Day of Race" registration fee will remain at \$15.00. This will hopefully promote pre-registration. The director reported on an online registration service that was recommended by Bill Boyajian – who handles our computer services. The email and website information was given out to the Commission. The key issue is the bond coverage of funds received by this service for the borough. The director will look into the insurance coverage that they state they have – Alan must approve any online service for registration.

C. Tennis Courts Trees –

V. Duran reported that the meeting with the Shade Tree members went well per C. Sherlock's review- email. – The Shade Tree Commission apparently understands the problem that the trees are causing but the solution which is to take the trees down will not be pursued by the Shade Tree Commission until funds are in place for planting and possibly for take-down as well. The director reminded the Commission that two years ago when the old tennis court fencing was removed as part of the re-construction, a request to take down the Millbrook side pine trees was denied by the Shade Tree Commission. Now we are dealing with a new tennis court surface and new fencing and difficulty in getting to the pine trees plus potentially additional expense to the borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm by motion from V. Duran seconded by A. Armental. All in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is November 14th at 7:30pm.