

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 19, 2014

The Wednesday, March 19, 2014 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock called the meeting to order - - at 7:30 pm.

Present: Commissioners: Pete Smith, Bob Smith, Chris Ilg, Carlo Rebosio, Jim Teehan
Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock, Director Bobbi Conway, Council Liaison Anthony Capolla

Absent: Chris Lau, Alicia Armental, Val Duran

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 19th, 2104 meeting were approved. Motion by C. Ilg - 2nd by J. Teehan All members in favor.

Open Public Session-Visitors – Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo – presented a plan for a safety slow-down crossing design at Continental Avenue. He explained the details of the design and requested input from the Commission members. C. Sherlock asked if a traffic or pedestrian study was conducted to come up with this proposed design. The Mayor stated that a cable counter will be installed to count the number of cars that travel Continental Avenue over a period of time. Some of the concerns over the placement and design voiced by the Commission members were: the loss of parking spaces (3 on each side of Continental) especially during summer camp and large picnics, the natural pathway from the park lead people across Continental Ave. to the American Legion driveway- they do not go east to the existing crosswalk at the corner –they will not go west to a crosswalk in the middle of the street. Commission members suggested enhancing the existing crosswalk at Elm Ave. with wider lines-bright signs to slow down or blinking lights. Members suggested starting out with an approach of improving the existing crossing to encourage people to go to the corner to cross.

The Mayor also handed out a survey covering a needs assessment for a Community Center. He asked that members complete the form and return by the end of the month. The Commission thanked the Mayor and Council for allocating funds for a portion of the KBG Lights replacement project. The Mayor requested that the Commission apply for a Bergen County Open Space Grant for the matching funds for this KB Light Project.

Peter Dunsay – representing the Cultural Center Classic Car Show was present to request permission for the use of Memorial Park for positioning the classic cars throughout the park – He showed the Commission a sketch of where these cars would be placed. As this request has been submitted several years in a row and has been denied, the Commission asked several questions to help understand this year's request and need to use the park property. It was suggested that a different location be considered due to the increased participation. Additionally – limiting the number of entries so as to accommodate the cars in the previous year's location. It was noted that the Commission offered the use of the Webb Cul-de-sacs in previous years as well but the area had not been used. After discussion of the request, the Commission determined that the Classic Car Show would be able to use the same areas as the 2013 approval> the Webb Cul-de-sacs, the walkway –semi-circle at Continental Avenue (as approved last year), and for the food vendor service, the pavilion.

Director's Report – The Director reviewed the written report submitted in advance to the Commission members for review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Quote Proposal from Potted Garden, LLC re: Memorial Park Garden renovation design
2. River Edge Run Agenda
3. Proposed Continental Avenue raised crossing design and engineer's estimate
4. River Edge Community Center Needs Assessment

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- A. Budget – Capital – Open Space- The Recreation Commission Operating Budget was approved as submitted --\$4,800. The Mayor and Council approved an amount of \$100,000 under a Capital Ordinance for the KBG lights. The ordinance will have two readings, and once finalized the Recreation Commission will encumber the funds for future funding of the KBG lights. River Edge Open Space Accounts have been assigned and are now available for use.
- B. Garden Renovation design quote proposal>> The Commission approved the proposal from The Potted Garden for the design of the Memorial Park Garden renovation
- C. Cherry Blossom Park Project- update- as of this date the project is still under consideration for the Bergen County Open Space grant – the Freeholders will vote in May - the final step in the approval process.
- D. 2014 River Edge Run – the Director review the areas of Commissioner Responsibilities and members volunteered for specific jobs.
- E. Track Meet Proposal update – The High School track is not available on Sundays during early June – the only date open is June 22nd- Greg Spano is willing to go with this date – the Commission is concerned that it is so close to the end of school but the members felt if Greg wants to go forth with the event that would be okay.
- F. AED Project update- After reviewing the results of the limit responses from other Recreation Departments regarding the AED being made available and protocols established >> the Commission set-up an AED Committee to review making AED's available and developing written protocol covering accessibility, maintenance and training. The Committee will consist of two representatives from the Recreation Commission (those representatives are Jim Teehan and Chris Ilg), two representatives from CAC and a representative from the Ambulance Service. CAC will be contacted to provide two representatives for this committee.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Continental/Memorial Park crossing – see visitors notes
- B. Community Center Needs Assessment Survey – Commissioners were asked to complete the survey and return to the Boro Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm by motion from J. Teehan, seconded by B. Smith. All present in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is April 16th, 2014 at 7:30pm.