

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 16, 2014

The Wednesday, April 16, 2014 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Chairwoman Val Duran called the meeting to order - - at 7:30 pm.

Present: Commissioners: Val Duran, Alicia Armental, Chris Ilg, Jim Teehan, Director Bobbi Conway , Council Liaison Anthony Capolla

Absent: Cindy Sherlock, Chris Lau, Bob Smith, Pete Smith, Carlo Rebosio

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

Open Public Session-Visitors - None

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Memorial Garden Site Plan for approval
2. River Edge Run Agenda
3. Memo to Thomas Sarlo from Alan Negreann re: Legal Assignment: Defibrillators at Recreational Fields and Parks
4. Memo Mayor and Council from Alan Negreann re: Continental Crosswalk
5. River Edge Community Center Needs Assessment
6. Email memo from Alan Negreann re: Five Year Capital Plan request

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cherry Blossom Park Project update- The County Freeholders will have a final vote in early May for the County Open Space requests- the Cherry Blossom Park Project is included in the list of proposed projects for approval
- B. Garden Renovation Design - the Commission members unanimously approved the site design developed by The Potted Garden - Terry Gallo. The next step is to develop specifications for the scope of work - request three RFQ's from local contractors -quote proposals will be requested to be received by the May 21st meeting.
- C. Track Meet Proposal update - Greg Spano, resident who proposed this event has decided to postpone as the track was not available for use at a convenient date. He will look to a Fall or early Spring 2015 date.
- D. 2014 River Edge Run - separate agenda - all areas of responsibility was reviewed for the event

E. AED Project update- J. Teehan and C. Ilg are in the process of setting up a meeting with Lt. Mike Walker , Ambulance Service – Joe Zemaite and the CAC representatives to start discussions.

F. Continental/Memorial Park crossing – This project was presented and discussed during the March 19th meeting. The Commission members at that time stated that they understand the need for slowing traffic on Continental Avenue. However the members continue to voice concerns over the placement and design, 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.

G. Community Center Needs Assessment – V. Duran reviewed the assessment questions with the Commission members and will submit the results to the Mayor.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Five Year Capital Plan 2014-2018 - The Director reviewed park and field projects for consideration by the Commission and a Five Year Plan was developed to be submitted to the Mayor and Council as requested.

B. J. Teehan reported areas of maintenance needs – mulch at LL plantings– fill-in of depressions near pathways – drains cleared at Little League – In addition – the basketball court needs patching or resurfacing. J. Teehan also will supply pictures of locations for the no-smoking signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm by motion from JV. Duran, seconded by J. Tehan. All present in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is May 21st , 2014 at 7:30pm.