

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 18, 2016

The Wednesday, May 18, 2016 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd floor conference Room of the Public Safety Building. Director Bobbi Conway called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Present: Commissioners: Carlo Rebosio, Chris Lau, Bob Smith, Lauren Cerullo, Director Bobbi Conway Present - Arriving late: Alicia Armental, Chris Ilg

Absent: Pete Smith, Ken Krautheim Jimmy Teehan Liaison Ellen Busteded

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 20, 2106 meeting were approved. Motion by C. Lau second by C. Rebosio. All members present voted in favor of approval.

Director's Report – The director stated that all subjects would be covered under the agenda topics for discussion.

Open Public Session-Visitors: Chris Riley and Daniel Palms of Generation Street Hockey - presented the Generation Street Hockey Program and the history and philosophy behind the program.

C. Riley who grew up in River Edge, pointed out that the town has a hockey rink that is not being used except for a dog run. Their program could bring more use to the rink and give the kids a new outlet. They would like to introduce the program during Recreation Summer Camp and then a clinic in the Fall. After discussion of what the future may bring in terms of running a program, C. Riley assured that they would coordinate interested volunteers to organize a program. If an organized effort does not go forth, the kids can play on their own. The director requested that a certificate of insurance be submitted prior to any involvement in the camp. The Commission agreed to allow this program for the camp participants if it fits within the camp schedule and to allow a clinic in the Fall based on all necessary paperwork being in place.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. River Edge Run comments – email from Commissioner L. Cerullo
2. Christmas Spectacular – Radio City Hall - 2016 Early bird MSG offering

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cherry Blossom Park – Tree Planting Arbor Day Ceremony –Official Opening of CBP -The Director reported that the planting of a Cherry Tree by the Cherry Hill Student Council as part of the Arbor Day Ceremony was memorable!! Michelle Cariddi assisted the students in the planting – DPW had dug the hole and the students raised the tree and dropped it slowing to the correct position. Denise Heitman, Cherry Hill Principal said the students will never forget this experience. As many officials were not able to attend the weekday ceremony, the opening of the park was official opening of the Cherry Blossom Park will be held at a later more convenient date.

- B. Cherry Blossom Park Phase 2 update no action or report on Phase 2
- C. KBG Light Project - update – As reported previously, the geotechnical boring company – Craig Testing -worked for two days - April 14th and 15th at the site. With the expected depth of 20-25 feet and the resulting borings ranging from 35 deep to - 55 deep feet, the report is taking longer than expected as each pole site will require a separate engineering recommendation. The target date for construction is August 8th -through August 18th- after Men's Softball and prior to Fall Softball and Soccer Season.

D. River Edge Run – The Commission members reviewed the 2016 Run and made the following suggestions for next year:

L. Cerullo: Take complete control of the Fun Run. Have the parents pick up the kids' shirts at the early check in pickup or a pickup setup specifically for them earlier in the week. Forms can come in from the school the way they did this year but they will not need to note their teacher/grade since they will be picking up their own shirts. A. Armental agreed with this Fun Run registration and distribution of shirts.

L.C. Ensure REGAL returns any shirts to us that they do not hand out the day before so we are able to hand them out at the pre-registration table the next morning.
LC :add all paper registrations for fun run to runsignup to ensure we have one complete accurate list for all fun run registrations

L.C.Having the students there was a great help for all the setting up!

L.C. Having one major sponsor give out the awards made the awards ceremony much smoother for us

DAY OF RACE >>only located under the overhang with (TABLE 1) DAY OF RACE -FILL OUT FORM (TABLE 2) CASHIER (TABLE 3) T-SHIRT PICKUP TURN IN FORM SINGS ABOVE ON OVERHANG

PRE-REGISTERED CHECK IN>> SEPARATE TABLE WITH SEPARATE T-SHIRT INVENTORY NOT UNDER OVERHANG

Large Telescoping Sign for pre-registration location

E. Basketball Court Repair/Renovate Proposals – Tennis courts- Brookside Park
The Commission had determined during the April Recreation Meeting, that the all three surface repair projects would be submitted for 2017 Open Space budget requests. This item was tabled and to be listed as Old Business on future agendas for discussion.

F. Basketball Goals - Brookside Park - the poles have been installed and the asphalt bulge left from the previous poles has been removed by the DPW. The backboards have yet to be installed- the director will check with Corby Associates- installation company as to the schedule for installation.

G. Central Athletic Council AED update report - K. Krautheim –absent - no report

H. Senior Activities - SCORE connection- The director reported that Commission Liaison Ellen Busted suggested the establishment of an Advisory Committee to the

Mayor and Council. No additional updates.

I. Memorial Park Bathrooms – Policy Discussion – At the suggestion of the Recreation Commission, the Director consulted with the Department of Public Works, the Police Department and the Park Attendant, regarding keeping the Camp Building bathrooms opened for general public use. Subjects of security, integrity of the plumbing and building system, cleaning, vandalism and attractive nuisance were discussed as part of the decision process by the members of the Commission. The Recreation Commission determined that the bathrooms would not be open to the public on a daily basis. The members pointed out that during the week and on Saturdays, the Library is open to the public and for restroom use as well as the Police Department restrooms open 24-7.

L. Roosevelt School Student Letter –re: recycling bins – Memorial Park- The Commission approved the recommendation for recycle bins to be purchased using PPFM Trust Fund - Park fees. DPW was consulted on the type and size of containers.

M. Mets Game - The flyer were distributed through the schools - all arrangements for bus and tickets are set for the June 17th game. Tickets are starting to sell.

N. Rockette's Spectacular – July 14th – flyer was distributed to SCORE – St. Peters Support Group and Bus Trip members.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fire Department – Wet Down – Saturday September 10th – the request for the use of the park for this event was approved with no fee to be charged.

B. Christmas Spectacular – 2016 – the Commission members decided to offer the performance of December 8th - 2nd mezzanine - \$50 early bird tickets – tickets will be purchased and bus transportation arranged

C. Aerate and See – Memorial Park and Fields – the park green meadow area is looking much better this Spring due to the aerating and seeding completed by Wogisch Landscape as well as the fields – the Commission determined that the Fall 2016 aerating and seeding should be scheduled

D.C. Rebosio presented a resident's suggestion that fitness stations be installed along our park pathways where appropriate. The Commission thought this would be a good idea. The director cautioned that the location of this equipment was important. A possible location would be the north end of the park along the pathway or along the path at Brookside Park. Starting with one or two pieces was suggested. It was also suggested that a funding source would be the Run proceeds.

A. Armental suggested that the pathway around Memorial Park be measured and signs along the pathway or a map of the park showing distances could be installed for the residents to monitor their walking distances.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm by motion from A. Armental, seconded by C. Rebosio. All present in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is June 15, 2016 at 7:30pm.