

# MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2012

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

**Present:** Commissioners: Chris Lau, Penny Smith, Alicia Armental, Pete Smith, Alicia Armental, Jimmy Teehan, Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock, Director Bobbi Conway

**Approval of Minutes:** The motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting was presented by J. Teehan, seconded by A. Armental. All present voted in favor.

**Open Public Session-Visitors** - none

## **Correspondence:**

1. Capital Request Form 2013 Budget
2. Preliminary budget information – re: Strike Guard Lightning System- Rich Wills
3. Operating Budget 2013 Request Form
4. 2012 Recreation Department Operating Budget for reference
5. 2013 Budget References for maintenance expenditure review
6. Public Park and Field Maintenance Trust Fund 2011& 2012 for review
7. Smoking Free Parks- Newspaper article – re: Closter Ordinance
8. Paramus Smoking in Parks and Recreational Areas – Ordinance
9. Strike Guard Product Information and references

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. 2012 Open Space Referendum – The results of the election and therefore the Open Space Referendum will not be known until week after Thanksgiving.
- B. 2013 Budgets – The Commission reviewed and approved the Capital Budget items for submittal. The members also developed and approved the Operating Budget Request for 2013. In addition, a list of items for Open Space funds were reviewed for future determination once the Open Space Referendum results are in.
- C. Tennis Court Trees – C. Sherlock reported that the Shade Tree Commission members were in favor of removing the trees on the west side of the courts and the planting of holly trees, however, the STC wanted funding in place for the project and placed in their escrow account before proceeding. No timeline was given for the take down of the trees – a more definitive plan with deadline will be pursued by C. Sherlock.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Special Events

1. Casino Trip – originally scheduled October 21 to Resorts Casino Atlantic City was re-scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> – then cancelled due to the Hurricane Sandy. A bus trip is now scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sands in Bethlehem Pa.
  2. Holiday Lighting Ceremony – The date is December 1<sup>st</sup> for this event – The Commission members are asked to arrive at 3:00pm to decorate the Fire House and set up the refreshments. All other arrangements are complete.
- B. Smoke Free Parks – J. Teehans reported on the Paramus ordinance for Smoke Free Parks that was handed out at the Commission's last meeting can be used as a template by our Mayor and Council. He also stated that the " Breathe Easy this Public Property is 100% Smoke Free " signs that Paramus received for the parks may be available for River Edge Parks as well – an ordinance number would be required for the bottom of the sign. The Commission agreed to pursue a Smoke Free Parks ordinance and C. Sherlock will send a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting consideration of this new ordinance attaching the Paramus ordinance for an example and the town of Closter article regarding their actions for smoke free parks.
- C. J. Teehan reported on the Fall Men's Softball season and the request to have the lights on for the final game which has been postponed due to the Super Storm Sandy and the concern of turning on the lights when others were still without use of electricity. The Commission agreed that the final game should be held under the lights so as to complete the season.
- D. J. Teehan reported that a new slate of officers was installed for River Edge Little League Baseball. Seven New officers will be responsible for Little League and REABA Baseball governed by new bylaws which were sent to the State Little League for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm by motion from A. Armental seconded by P. Smith. All in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and will adjourn at 7:50pm.