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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 21, 2014

The Wednesday, May 21, 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: Val Duran, Chris Ilg, Chris Lau, Carlo Rebosio, Cindy Sherlock, Chair, Director Bobbi Conway ,

Absent: Jim Teehan, Bob Smith, Pete Smith,

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 16th, 2104 meeting were approved. Motion by V.Duran - 2nd by C. Ilg All members present in favor

Open Public Session-Visitors - Pete Dunsay - Cultural Center - Classic Car Show - C. Sherlock started by asking Peter if he anything new to add to his March presentation of the Car Show to the Commission. As she noted, the Commission approved the 4 cars in the front path area of the park or as another possible site for those 4 cars- the roadway coming from behind the Camp Office, that way people would be drawn into the park to view the cars at that location and in the cul-de-sacs as well which was approved by the Commission in March. People would be drawn to the cul-de-sacs with the food vendors and DJ in the park. C. Sherlock continued that he asked for cars to be parked on the grass. C. Sherlock stated that besides the damage to the grass, the Commission did not want cars in the park as it is a safety concern for the residents. Peter stated that he offered to seed the grass in September which was the acceptable month to seed. B. Conway corrected Peter by stating the Commission did not accept any offer for seeding as the Commission did not approved cars on the grass. Peter asked that a re-consideration be made to park the cars on the pathway. He stated that out of 400 cars registered; up to seventy would be over the age of 50 years. These would be the cars that would be offered to park on the pathway in the park. Parking of the Car Show cars is managed by professional people who park 20 cars in an hour and a half. Per P. Dunsay the cars will stay on the pathway single file toward Webb Avenue and go east and west and stay until the end of the show. C. Rebosio asked how many cars would be in the park - P. Dunsay stated between 35-70 - the drivers will be given the choice of the park or Continental - a green ticket will allow park entrance. C. Sherlock stated her number one concern is the safety of the pedestrians on the pathway - the children on bikes and Moms with strollers. C. Sherlock also stated that he has a great program but maybe it's time to look at utilizing other spaces for the Car Show or move some of the cars to the Webb Cul-De Sacs and use that space. That is C. Sherlock's opinion - not the Commission's. B. Conway asked how the cars would exit out of the park as the Webb cul-de-sacs do not have dropped curbs - P. Dunsay stated that they cars would exit out onto the west Webb Cul -de-sac behind the Camp Office. C. Lau stated that Peter is talking about putting X amount of cars on the pathway -this park is made for pedestrians - for people with strollers and bicycles not for cars. - C. Sherlock

asked if cars would be placed in the cul-de-sacs P. Dunsay only if cars are in the park as people won't go down to that area to look at the cars. C. Sherlock stated that if the food vendor and DJ were in the park then people would go into the park to see the cars. P. Dunsay stated that the Fire Dept is handling the sale of food and it would be ideal if the cars are in the park – if no cars in the park people would walk down to get a hot dog. C. Sherlock finished the discussion by telling P. Dunsay that his Car show is a well run program and the Commission is also well run – the Commission must look after the safety of our residents and the maintenance of the park – where over a million dollars of development has been invested. S. Sherlock stated that the Commission will get back to him. P. Dunsay asked to receive a response – soon – C. Sherlock stated by Friday he will have an answer.

Discussion > The general discussion of the Commission was that there is only so much space for this Car Show and the use of the pathway as discussed previously with P. Dunsay is a concern as it is a pedestrian pathway and the safety of pedestrians including those with strollers or wheelchairs plus the ADA compliance is an issue besides the major point that the pathway is a pedestrian pathway – not for cars. The Commission decided that the original approval will stand – the 4 cars in the park on path near the Continental (2012) or as an alternate for those four cars- in the pathway coming off Webb Cul-de-sac behind the Camp Office and the use of the Cul-de-sacs. The Director will notify P. Dunsay by Friday.

Ed Golden of 613 Bogert Road – E. Golden stated that his backyard backs up to Brookside Park – He has a basketball background and loves playing the sport. His son plays basketball as well. He wanted to notify the Commission of the activity at the 8 foot basketball hoops as he has witnessed the high school and college age males who push the younger kids off so as to play at the 8' baskets. Those older teens compete in large groups at dunking the ball at the 8' hoops but most important, he has witnessed teens break a wrist, one who broke his arm and just recently one who was undercut by the other players and landed on the side of his face- with severe cuts at the jaw and bleeding. He is tired of seeing these injuries and asked the Commission to do something about it before someone really gets hurt!! V. Duran stated that her son had a very bad concussion and other injuries playing at the 8' baskets with a group of teens as well.– Recently over twenty high school and college age males were playing on the 8' goals they chased off the little kids. The Commission voiced that this is not the reason the 8' goals were installed in 1997. They were installed for the younger players. The Commission decided that the rims of the 8' hoops would be removed until the Commission could decide on whether to replace the goals with 10' or remove them completely. When the park was built in 1997, the intent was for the younger residents to have access to 8' outdoor basketball hoops and the 10' set of goals for the older players. The Commission and the Borough have been put on notice of this safety hazard and the liability of maintaining the 8' goals when injuries have been reported. Action will be taken – DPW will be asked to remove the rims. Safety is key and with this activity the Commission must take action.

Director's Report – The Director reviewed the written report submitted in advance to the Commission members for review. Topics of discussion were on the agenda as well.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Recreation Commission to Pete Dunsay re: return of application for use of park and check #2512 requesting more detail
2. Email from Brianne Etter Betta re: request for Memorial Bench plaque wording for Carl and Kathy Etter (Commission approved)
3. Quote Proposal Request for Memorial Park seasonal meter set up/installation of irrigation system to garden area(one section) landscape per site plan
4. Memo from Recreation Commission to DPW – appreciation for excellent work
5. Memo from Alan Neagreann to Recreation Commission- re: sign for Cherry Blossom Park
6. Fee Resolution– Mets Baseball Game on June 14th
7. Resolution moving 2014 River Edge Healthwalk proceeds from Recreation Commission dedicated fund to Municipal Alliance
8. Christmas Spectacular 2014 ticket information for review by Commission

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cherry Blossom Park Project update- The County Freeholders are scheduled to have a final vote in May for the County Open Space requests- the Cherry Blossom Park Project is included in the list of proposed projects for approval – no further update
- B. Garden Renovation Design – The three quote responses from Keehn Landscape Contractors, Let It Grow and TPC Landscape Design. All quotes responses were read for the Commission members review.

Keehn Landscape responded that due to time constraints- unable to do the work. Let It Grow –responded that the job is too small for them and would not be submitting a price. TPC Landscape submitted a sealed bid for the scope of work for an amount of \$14,370 – The Commission approved the TPC quote by a motion from C. Ilg to hire TPC for the scope of work as detailed in the quote for the amount of \$14,370.00 and seconded by V.Duran followed by a unanimous vote. The Commission discussed that this quote information would go to the Mayor and Council for the June 2nd meeting and that members should attend.

- C. 2014 River Edge Run – review>> the Commission commented that the shirts this year were great- runners liked them- C.Lau –suggested handing out the small bottle soft water for the Fun Run – not cups of water C. Sherlock stated that several people thought they signed up for Run through the Melanoma foundation – this mis-information needs to be made clear next year to the Foundation so that it is not misleading to the registrants. C. Ilg stated that the participants liked the bag check but it needs to be closer to the registration area next year. Next year’s date will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.
- D. AED Project update- C. Ilg reported that the AED meeting was held with the following in attendance: Jim Teehan, C. Ilg, Ken Krautheim- REGAL, Beth Chinigo-REGAL, Mike Walker-Police and Joe Zemaite for the Ambulance Corp- M. Walker made a professional presentation with regard to the necessary training to use the

AED's, the very important maintenance and the accessibility of the units. The police have a trained professional staff that has a 90 second response time when alerted to a call. All police cars have AED's, police are trained to not only use the AED but with CPR training to backup if AED is not needed. Police are trained to react under a stressful emergency situation, coaches are not. Over all C. Ilg stated that the attendees understood that it is most feasible to let the police handle the AED needs. K. Krauheim will take this information back to the CAC and REGAL.

E. Community Center Needs Assessment – V. Duran will submit the Commission survey results to the Mayor.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bergen County Open Space Grant 2014- Bergen County Grant Application will be submitted for the KBG lights in 2014 when the forms are received from Bergen County.
- B. Email Communication – the director reviewed the need to check the Borough emails for Borough and Commission information as this is the email system that is to be used to contact the members.
- C. Cherry Blossom Park Signage >>The Commission reviewed the memo from Alan Neagreann regarding this subject and approved the signage as pictured.
- D. The Mayor has requested that Alan Neagreann send out an RFP for a Professional Park Planner to be hired for the development of our parks. The Commission reviewed the draft of this RFP. The members questioned the purpose or need for such a service and are concerned that this Master Plan will limit the Commission's authority in the future. The Commission requested that the following listings under Scope of Services – Athletic Field Maintenance and Operation and Maintenance be removed. This response will be sent to Alan.
- E. New York Mets Game –The registration form for the June 14th event was reviewed. Registration information was sent to all youth leagues CAC. Forms and payments have started to come in – seventeen tickets sold to date. Forty –eight tickets were purchased. The fee of \$48.00 was approved for this event. See fee resolution for vote results.
- F. 2014 Healthwalk Proceeds The resolution to authorize the movement of the 2014 Helathwalk proceeds from the Recreation Dedicated Account to the Municipal Alliance in the amount of \$1,790.00. was approved by the Commission
- G. Radio City Spectacular Christmas Show –_the Commission approved the purchase of tickets for the early bird fee for the December 9th or 11th in the third mezzanine rows ABC.
- H. Girl Scout Silver Award -Exercise Stations project. The Commission determined that this project as detailed would be a liability to the Borough not appropriate for the park. The Commission would not be able to accommodate her request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm by motion from JV. Duran, seconded by C. Rebosio. All present in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is June 18th , 2014 at 7:30pm.