

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 16, 2012

The Wednesday, May 16, 2012 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the Recreation Office –Court Room - at 7:40pm. Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Lau, Penny Smith, Pete Smith, Bob Smith, Anthony Cappola, Alicia Armental, Val Duran, Cindy Sherlock, Director Bobbi Conway, Mayor Mascaritolo, Councilman Bartelloni

Approval of Minutes: The motion for approval of the minutes of the April 18th, 2012 meeting was presented by C Lau, seconded by P. Smith. All present voted in favor.

Director's Monthly Report:

The Director reviewed the monthly report- attached.

Open Public Session: Peter Dunsay – representing the Cultural Center Classic Car Show

Peter Dunsay explained that he requests the use of the Memorial Park for the food vendors and six new cars – dealer cars that would be on the pathway not on the grass. The time frame would be from 7:00am to 3:30pm. The dealer cars would be from Park Avenue BMW, Park Avenue Audi and Hackensack Toyota – two cars each- Peter Dunsay showed on a schematic for the location of the food vendors and cars. C. Sherlock reviewed the development of the park and the amount of funds spent on the development and maintenance of the park and the reason for not allowing vehicles in the park. The Commission has always said no to the Classic Car Show request for cars in the park. P. Dunsay stated that they have always had new cars in the show but have placed them on the side of the Cultural Center building. P. Smith asked why after five years of having these cars at that location they need to use the park. P. Dunsay responded that the space could be better utilized for classic cars instead of the new cars. He added he is willing to post a bond to cover the cost of repairing any damage. P. Dunsay explained he would use extension cords off the pavilion for the food vendors that would be located near Continental Avenue. The Commission denied his request to run electrical cords from the pavilion and suggested food vendors be outside of the camp office and under the pavilion which is where the electrical source is located. C. Sherlock stated suggested that cars be placed in the Webb Cul-de-sacs which would also draw people into the park for the food vendors... Lau asked how many cars are in the show and also that if people see cars in the park they may think it is okay to drive through the park. – P. Dunsay stated 208 in 2011 with the first year 130 cars. A.Armental stated that park rules are made for a very good reason>> to protect the park and facilities. Mayor Mascaritolo asked for everyone to come to a happy medium and to compromise. He understands that the permit states no unauthorized vehicles allowed in the park but special accommodation for the authorization of six new vehicles for the Cultural Center may be the compromise with the understanding that there must be a plan of ingress and egress in place. Councilman Bartelloni stated that the majority of the Council supports this application. Chief Cariddi that one area of the car show that is problematic is the parking of overflow cars in no-parking areas and no parking signs being taken down. He questioned whether there are any mechanisms in place to limit more cars, an alternative location considered for next year and whether there are more than 208 cars expected to participate., P. Dunsay stated that the limit of cars would be 207.

Councilman Bartelloni stated that there would be no draw into the park if there were no cars in the park, also the grass areas would not be impacted by the cars and that the Cultural Center is an isolated group of people that could be distinguished from any other request for cars in the park. P. Smith stated that camp is the next day and clean-up from the vendors will be required by the Cultural Center.

After Peter Dunsay left the meeting, the Commission continued discussions with the resulting motions:

P. Smith; The Recreation Commission will allow food vendors to be located only in front of the camp office and under the pavilion during the Classic Car Show 2012. Food Vendors will not be allowed at any other locations in the park.

Motion seconded by A. Armental All present voted in favor of the motion.

Pete Smith; The Recreation Commission will allow the 2012 Classic Car Show, a maximum of six dealer cars to be located only on the two pathways leading into the park from Continental Avenue and the connection pathway between near Continental Avenue (as per. P. Dunsay's schematic) and only after a \$1,000 bond is received by the Borough, to cover any expenses incurred by the Borough for maintenance, clean-up or damage on July 8th 2012 related to the Classic Car Show use of the park.

Seconded by B. Smith

Armental - yes
Cappola - yes
Duran - yes
Lau - no
Sherlock -no
P. Smith - yes
PJ Smith - yes
B. Smith -no

Pete Smith: The previous motion to be amended to read a \$2,000 bond is received by the Borough, to cover any expenses incurred by the Borough for maintenance, clean-up or damage on July 8th 2012 related to the Classic Car Show use of the park.

Seconded by B. Smith All present voted in favor

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Correspondence:

1. Chapter 79 – Board of Recreation Commissioners –Ordinance section 79-4 Powers of the Commissioners
2. Classic Car Show Reservation Application paperwork

OLD BUSINESS:

1. River Edge Run Review –The number of Day of race registrations was 277 – suggestion to increase the day of race fee to \$30 - \$40 so that people preregister. Some volunteers did not like receiving hats they would like to have t-shirts next year.
2. Computer for Recreation Office – the Commission approved the purchase of the

lowest quote which was from Livewire Technology. The Director will follow through on the purchase.

New Business:

1. Special Events Committee – subject of the committee was discussed with Councilman Bartelloni. The Commission reviewed the resolution draft establishing the committee. The Recreation Commission requested that road races be taken out of the wording and that the Recreation Director's position would be an advisory position to the committee. The Commission questioned the Turkey Trot being listed as St. Peter's had begun planning for this type of event. Also they questioned the assistance to civic groups and who would pay for those municipal resources.
2. Councilman Bartelloni stated that there is some misunderstanding as to the maintenance responsibilities of the DPW to the park facilities. J. Lynch does not feel that it is his job to repair or maintain recreation building/facilities. There will be a determination of responsibility discussed and ultimately determined through a legal opinion of the Borough Attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm by motion from A. Armental seconded by PJ Smith. All in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is June 20th at 7:30pm in the second floor conference room.