

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
June 29, 2017

The Thursday, June 29, 2017 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference Room of the Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Commissioner Jim Teehan.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Lau, Carlo Rebosio, Ken Krautheim, Lauren Cerullo, Bob Smith, Alicia Armental, Chairman Jimmy Teehan Director Bobbi Conway Council Liaison Ellen Busted  
Absent: Pete Smith, Chris Ilg

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 25, 20, 2017 meeting were approved Motion by L. Cerullo second by C. Lau. All members present voted in favor of approval. None opposed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Camp started on June 26<sup>th</sup> - We have 365 registered campers as of 6/26 and an additional 10 to 15 late starts - We hired 61 counselors to supervise these campers. All 61 went through a 3 hour training session on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> in the Borough Hall due to the inclement weather. The first three days of camp went well and we are off to a good start!

Playground Equipment- Memorial Park - site visit with Commission/Ben Shafer Rep- Last month (May) the Commission approved the purchase of a four seated see saw for Memorial Park. This piece of equipment is for 2 to 12 year old age use. In order to confirm appropriate placement of this equipment and determine a plan for future equipment placement, the Director has asked that the Ben Shafer Representative conduct an onsite visit . The Director asked that Commissioners Armental and Cerullo attend the onsite visit for their input on this equipment and future equipment as well, The playground equipment must be 25% ADA accessible. The Commission discussed the handicap swing for the Memorial Park which will also be discussed at the site visit. Commissioners Armental and Cerullo confirmed that they will attend this meeting which will be scheduled in mid July.

A Park Attendant, Mike Desanctis of Elm Avenue was hired in early June. Mike lives on the park and is very involved in keeping the park clean as a resident. He will now be on the payroll as the Commission's park attendant.

VISITORS: Greg Spano of 413 Lee Avenue, Kevin Sabella of 725 5th Avenue, and Dan Sayer of 146 Voorhis Avenue were present to discuss a Street Hockey Program for River Edge and Oradell 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the River Edge rink. They would like to start with one hour clinics for the this level of play with a potential 6 week session on Sundays from mid-October through November. The Recreation Commission members approved the concept of this program and will await the details once they have an opportunity to meet with the Oradell Recreation for approval as well.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Resolution moving 2017 Healthwalk proceeds from River Edge Run Dedicated account to River Edge Municipal Alliance
2. River Dell Soccer Association request for KBG field use for 2017
3. Shared Services with REBOE re: shed and batting cage at Roosevelt >Memo from Alan P. Neagreann and attached agreement
4. ADA Compliance Report 2017 for Recreation Commission field and facilities

## OLD BUSINESS:

- A. AED Update - The AED's were installed at the four locations. Trustees were notified on the install and locations. Police and ambulance were notified as well. AED certifications are slowly coming in however recently many are from BlackHawks Soccer. J. Teehan asked whether we should have another in-person demonstration and video certification. Director will ask Chris Caslin if he feels a in-person certification night would be of benefit to the rec soccer volunteer coaches coming into the Fall Season.
- B. Bergen County Open Space Application- 2017 - Basketball Court and Rink Projects  
At a public meeting of the Mayor and Council, the members approved applying for the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for the 2017 round of funding. C. Rebosio and the Director represented the Commission at this meeting. The grant is due to Bergen County on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The grant has been written and ready to go. The Mayor previously stated at the May Mayor and Council meeting that the Commission should include at least \$10,000 funding for equipment, therefore the original project total of \$110,780 is now \$120,780. The match is \$60,390. Funds from the 2016 RE Open Space and 2017 unallocated funds add up to \$44,000. The balance of the match (\$16,390) is to be budgeted in 2018 Capital.
- C. Roosevelt Shed- Batting Cage - Meeting - Shared Services Agreement - J. Teehan reported that the Mayor organized a meeting with the River Edge Board of Education which was held earlier this evening. Attending was the Superintendent of Schools Tova Ben Dov, Paris Meyer - REBOE- Stan - new Super of Building and Grounds, new Board Administrator, mayor Mignone, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Bartelloni, Recreation Director - B. Conway and J. Teehan. J. Teehan reported that a draft shared service agreement was sent to the REBOE for their review. Councilman Bartelloni stated that the shed for Roosevelt will be similar to the sheds at the Middle School and the cost about \$3,000. The REBOE seemed to be okay with this size and placement. The batting cage that was suggested with fame and netting was not to the liking of the REBOE --they countered with a permanent structure of fencing with asphalt surface for ease of maintenance. The cost of this structure would be approximately \$8,000-10,000. Councilman Bartelloni was to review the cost and present the REBOE's batting cage concept and cost to the Mayor and Council at the next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>. C. Rebosio asked who was funding the shed and batting cage. Little League purchased the shed and batting cages at Memorial LL and KBG. J. Teehan stated that based on Councilman Bartelloni's response - REGAL was willing to put some funding toward the shed and batting cage. However River Edge Open space funds of \$10,000 had been allocated to the shed by the Mayor and Council.  
The location for the shed was to be the north side of the fields. C. Rebosio suggested that the neighbors may have an issue with the noise from the batting cage. There should be a notification to the neighbors as is the case for all new additions or construction by the Borough.
- D. Field Maintenance update -Cherry Hill School Field resize Project - Contractor Wogisch Landscape was set for the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> for this work. As part of the above discussion, the REBOE and Superintendent did not want the re-construction project to be held during the summer school session. Therefore, Wogisch was requested to confirm a mid- August date. A discussion occurred at the above meeting concerning the outfield renovation of Cherry Hill School field which was not part of the re-size project. The Recreation Leagues do not use the Cherry Hill School outfield for any sports and therefore would not entertain to renovate that portion of the fields. The outfield of Cherry Hill has never been aerated or seeded. On the other hand, Roosevelt School Field is used by REGAL Softball and BlackHawk Soccer. The field use fees from REGAL and a payment by Blackhawk Soccer pay for the aerating and seeding of Roosevelt Field annually.

E. Maser Feasibility Study - Commission Sub Committees were assigned ( see below) for each facility/field . These Committees will review the Maser Study current conditions and recommendations for each location and report back findings and priorities to the Commission at the July Meeting. The report should also include ADA compliance recommendations.

Brookside Park - C. Rebosio, L. Cerullo, P. Smith

Cherry Blossom Park - J. Teehan, A. Armental, C. Lau

Cherry Hill School Field - A. Armental, L. Cerullo, C.Lau

Kenneth B. George Park - C. Ilg, B. Smith, P. Smith

Roosevelt School Field - K. Krauthiem, C. Ilg, C. Rebosio

Memorial Park - L. Cerullo, A. Armental, C. Rebosio

Little League Fields - J. Teehan , K. Krautheim, C. Rebosio, LL President Rob Berninger

#### New Business:

1. Resolution: The Commission approved the resolution to move \$1,285 representing the Healthwalk Proceeds from the River Edge Run Dedicated Account to the River Edge Municipal Alliance.
2. Recreation Facility ADA Compliance Report 2017- - The Director's report was submitted to the Commission for their review and inclusion in the Facility/Field Study recommendations . The Commission Priority List for completion of projects is needed for 2018 and beyond.
3. Open Space 2017 referendum - the Commission received the Open Space promotion info from the last referendum for review . It was determined that Commissioner A. Armental, L Cerullo and C. Rebosio would work on the upcoming referendum promotional mailer, email blasts and potential Lawn Signs. The Commission will work on this important referendum at the July Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by motion from A. Armental and seconded by J. Teehan. All present in favor. None opposed. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission - July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.