

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
April 20, 2016

The Wednesday, April 20, 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 7:45 pm.

Present: Commissioners: Carlo Rebosio, Chris Lau, Pete Smith, Lauren Cerullo, Liaison Ellen Busted, Director Bobbi Conway

Absent: Bob Smith, Chris Ilg, Alicia Armental, Late arrivals: Ken Krautheim Jimmy Teehan

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 16, 2106 meeting were approved. Motion by L. Cerullo. second by C. Lau. All members present voted in favor of approval.

Director's Report - The Director reported that Suez (Water Company) is requiring all seasonal water meters to have a RPZ (reduced pressure zone) installed right next to the meter. Notification of the requirement was received as part of the meter installation date request form on March 20th. Suez will not install the meters until the RPZ is installed. In two cases- KBG and Camp Office water source, the meter is in a pit which is not large enough to install the RPZ. DPW Foreman Rick Stephen has contacted plumbers, excavators, concrete and container companies for quotes to bring all piping-valves- above ground and install a hot box. The Little League bathrooms are open as the RPZ installation was completed and water meter installed. In the meantime, the bathrooms are not available - may be week to ten days. The balance of subjects will be reviewed as part of the agenda.

Open Public Session-Visitors: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. River Edge Run Agenda for meeting
2. Letter from Roosevelt School Fifth Graders to Recreation Commission re: recycle bins - Memorial Park

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cherry Blossom Park - Spring Opening of Park - The Commission had suggested the date for the opening for Arbor Day April 29th. The principal of Cherry Hill, Denise Heitman, was happy to include the opening of the park as part of Arbor Day Ceremony. Michelle Cariddi, Beautification Chair was also very pleased about the Arbor Day Opening and will contact Former Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo to be part of the ceremony. Councilwoman Busted contacted the Mayor who approved of the ceremony but could not be present. Councilwoman Busted as our liaison, will represent the Mayor and Council and MC the program. The ceremony will be

advertised in the Town News and the Mayor and Council will be invited through the Boro Clerk's Office.

- B. Cherry Blossom Park Phase 2 update no action or report on Phase 2
- C. KBG Light Project - update - The geotechnical boring company worked for two days - April 14th and 15th at the site. With resulting borings ranging from 35 deep to - 55 deep feet, the report on the borings and recommendations will take a few weeks. The possible dates of installation between August 8th - August 18th- after Men's Softball and prior to Fall Softball and Soccer are still valid at this point.
- D. River Edge Run - The Director and Commission reviewed and discussed the subject areas on the Run Agenda and members committed to the several areas of responsibility to prepare for the event on Saturday.
- E. Basketball Court Repair/Renovate Proposals
During the March meeting, J. Teehan submitted a motion to hold off on the repair of the Basketball Court cracks and prepare a budget request to fund the balance needed to replace the Basketball Court surface per the Hinding quote proposal. K. Krautheim seconded the motion. All voted in favor. In the meantime, two other surface repair issues need to be addressed- the tennis courts have a (1) large crack in and running under the center court pole/fencing and (2) a sliver crack running from one end to the other under the net poles in the back courts. In addition, reported by Chairman Teehan, the asphalt at Brookside Park is cracked and needs filling repair.
The Commission determined that the all three surface repair projects would be submitted for 2017 Open Space budget requests.
- F. Basketball Goals - Brookside Park - the poles have been installed but due to the asphalt bulge left from the previous poles, the backboards will not be installed until that work to remove the hazard by DPW is completed. Corby Associates- installation company - confirmed that the goals will be 10' in height
- G. Central Athletic Council AED update report - K. Krautheim - no report
- H. Senior Activities - SCORE connection- Senior Picnic - (The Director had previously reported that SCORE is being revamped, with the new president Carol Mah) Senior Picnic in the park --The Commission discussed the possibility of such a picnic - a picnic with a purpose was coined. The organization of this picnic should be a collaboration of departments and organizations who are involved with seniors. The involvement of other departments - organizations in the planning and presentation is crucial to the success of this event. The Commission does not have funds for senior programming. Liaison Councilwoman Busted felt that the responsibility for senior activities - locations should not fall on the Recreation Commission. There should be a Senior Advisory Committee at the Council level and she will suggest the establishment of such a committee to the Mayor and Council.
- I. Easter Egg Hunt - Commissioner L. Cerullo - Junior Women's Club President, reported that the event went very well - Brandy Mullens chaired the event. The club has worked to make sure that each age group has a chance for the eggs. Several improvements have been made in this area -like time slots per each group and

separating the hunt areas for age groups but there are still last "minute breakaways" to work out for next year.

L. Mets Game - The flyer will go out to the schools - all arrangements for bus and tickets are set for the June 17th game.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The Letter from Roosevelt School 5th grade students regarding the need for recycle bins in Memorial Park was reviewed with the resulting agreement by the Commission that Memorial Park should have recycle bins located at several places in the park and also at other park facilities. The DPW will be contacted for their input on the type of recycle bin to choose before placing an order for the bins.

B. Council Liaison Ellen Busted reported that the Stigma Free Program (Committee) is working toward the elimination of mental illness stigma and would like to get the word out about the initiative especially at Little League or REGAL Opening Day. She asked for assistance in making arrangements with the Little League to do so. P. Smith will reach out to LL to assist with this request.

C. Councilwoman Busted asked for an update on the shared usage with REGAL of the Little League Fields. Ken reported that Rob Berninger - Little League President is willing to work something out with REGAL - no progress on this to date. P. Smith explained to the members, the history of the Little League field development and the funds that went into the improvements to the LL fields by Little League and the Borough over the past few years to bring the fields up to where they are today. Little League fathers spend hours working on the fields to bring them to where they are today. The LL fields have raised mounds & in-field grass- they are not softball fields.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm by motion from C. Lau seconded by P. Smith. All present in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is May 18th, 2016 at 7:30pm.