MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 25, 2017

The Thursday, May 25, 2017 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd floor conference Room of the Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Commissioner Chris Ilg.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Ilg, Chris Lau, Carlo Rebosio, Ken Krautheim, Lauren Cerullo, And Chairman Jimmy Teehan
Director Bobbi Conway
Absent: Bob Smith, Pete Smith, Alicia Armenta

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting were approved Motion by C. Lau second by L. Cerullo. All members present voted in favor of approval. None opposed.
Minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting were approved Motion by C. Lau second by C. Ilg. All members present voted in favor of approval. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. Commercial Recreation Specialists, Inc. Lightning Detection System Start-up and Service Plan Quotation
2. Photos of potential playground equipment for Memorial Park

OLD BUSINESS:

A. AED Update - C. Rebosio reported that the AED units were received and inspected. C. Rebosio and the Director met with REGAL and Little League representatives to review the locations for the AED's at the four fields at locations that were accessible and visible. It is hoped that more AED units for each of the fields at Roosevelt, KBG and Little League and in Memorial Park as well can be leased. The River Edge Board of Education Business Administrator was contacted and photos sent for approval of the requested locations for Roosevelt and Cherry Hill Fields. At the time of the meeting, the River Edge Business Administrator had not responded with an approval. The Director will follow-up with a deadline date. The DPW will install all fours units and are ready to do so.

B. Field Maintenance update -Cherry Hill School Field - The director reminded the Commission that the work at Cherry Hill School field was postponed due to wet weather and grounds in April. Wogisch Landscape plans to do the work on the field in mid-July and do a second seeding after August 15th.
C. River Edge Run - The Commissioners reported that the 2017 River Edge Run went very smoothly. There were 488 Finishers in the 5K - (numbers were lower due to REGAL Runner lower participation by about 30 and the River Dell Lacrosse Team not participating (50 runners) The Run Sign Up service worked very well again this year with more runners using the service so that only 72 runners signed up day of race. Healthwalk participants numbered 118 (21 day of race) with Fun Run over 400. All reported that the Run was a success!
D. Trips
   1) Mets Game - June 2nd -
   There are 8 tickets left for the game

   2) Yankees Game - June 10th - There are 2 tickets left

   3) Holiday Show and Dinner - Hunterdon Hills - December 10th - just a reminder of the event coming up

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bergen County Open Space Application- 2017 - Basketball Court and Rink Projects - The Mayor and Council approved the Letter of Intent to apply for Bergen County Open Space. A required by the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund, the next step is for the Commission to request approval to apply for the Bergen County Open Space Grant at the special public session of the June 20th Mayor and Council work session meeting. Once approved then the application is to submit by June 30th.

While discussing the Open Space match for this project, the Commission determined that the River Edge Open Space Referendum for the 2017 Election would require early planning and the need to review strategies getting the word out to the residents. This subject will be on the June meeting agenda.

B. Lightning Detector System Service Agreement - In 2016 repair work to the Memorial Park unit due to damage by squirrels cost $1175. In 2017, repair of the KBG unit due to a burned out strobe suppressor board and new battery (tree blocked solar panel and burnt out the system) and service inspection startup for the four locations, amounted to $2105.00. The Sales representative suggested and prepared a service agreement for consideration by River Edge, REBOE, New Milford Recreation and Ne Milfod BOE for services to the system in the future. The Commission requested that the agreement go to Alan for his review.

C. Park Attendant - The park attendant for the past two years has taken the senior bus driver position for the balance of the year. The Commission is in need of a park attendant as picnics are starting next week and summer camp as well.

D. Playground equipment to replace see-saw in 5-12 yr old area - The Commission review optional seesaw units. The four seated seesaw was favored by the members. A motion by L. Cerullo and second by C. Lau drew an all in favor vote to purchase and install.

E. J. Teehan stated he had been approached by Chris Riley about starting a floor hockey program in the Memorial Park Rink. (This is the same program by C. Riley that the Summer Camp tried last year. C. Riley was to promote the program in clinic form last Fall but that did not happen.) If C. Riley is once again coming forward with this program - he needs to follow through. C. Rebosio and C. Ilg had previously presented to the Commission, that Kevin Sabella- Head River Dell Ice Hockey Coach wanted to start a street hockey league in the rink and had been told to come to a Recreation Commission with his program. This would be introductory clinics and would hopefully develop into a league. Since Kevin Sabella's program would develop eventually to be a feeder program for the High School, the Commission was more favorable to this use of the hockey rink.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by motion from J. Teehan and seconded by C. Ilg. All present in favor. None opposed. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission - June 29th at 7:00pm.