

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
February 23, 2017

The Thursday, February 23, 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 7:07pm by Commissioner Chris Ilg.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 26, 16, 2106 meeting were approved - Motion by C. Rebosio second by C. Lau. All members present voted in favor of approval. None opposed.

**Director's Report** – The Director handed out the 2016 Annual Report draft for member review-revisions to be sent via email prior to 3/20/17. The Director reported that the KBG Light Project - the project is moving along with a tentative completion date of mid March- weather permitting. KBG light poles were removed on Monday-Tuesday 2/6 and 2/7, Pile Driving started late Tuesday (one pile test was completed) - all 32 piles completed by days end on Wednesday 2/8 to get ahead of the snow storm!! Three days for removal and piles completed. Excavation/Forming/Rebar at pile locations underway on Feb. 15th-17th estimated Caps/Concrete cure - 20th - 24th Base Install 27th - 28th Poles erected on March 1st >> Completion by mid March -

For discussion, Memorial Park Improvements - power washing of the picnic tables and possibly the BBQ grills - if power washing is not recommended, then new BBQ's will need to be researched and ordered to start the season - funds will come from Park Fees -

For consideration - Brookside Park - the old basketball goal replacement - funded by 2016 River Edge Run proceeds - (new basketball goal was replaced in 2016 with 2015 Run Proceeds)

Men's Softball signups - registration is in process - deadline is March 17<sup>th</sup> - Season opens April 17<sup>th</sup>

NYC Spectacular Performance/Bus Trip - Unfortunately, MSG cancelled the 2017 show - our payment will be refunded - our bus reservation was cancelled

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email from Jennifer Kelemen -Adult Programs -RE Librarian- to Recreation Commission - RE: suggested trip to Grounds for Sculpture - Hanover, NJ
2. Email  
from Peter Dunsay - Lions Club - to Recreation Commission - RE: potential bus trip partnership suggestion
3. Letter from Hunterdon Hills Playhouse re: proposal of December 10<sup>th</sup> trip with details
4. Open Space 2017 Recreation Commission request for public meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
5. River Edge Board of Education response to Recreation Commission requests for placement of a shed and batting cage on Roosevelt Field

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. KBG Light Project - update - covered in Director's report

- B. AED Update - Training - Presentation DATE -TBD-CAC notification- The Recreation Commission previously had determined that the AED training would be a required training for all CAC volunteer coaches. The in-person training by Joey Bombara, Cardiac Science sales rep - will take place in two sessions on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and 8:00pm in the Court Room. Commissioner L. Cerullo will set up a sign-up-genious for the invite/respond to the AED Training on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The video training that will be allowed for those unable to attend on the 5<sup>th</sup> needs to be revised before submitting to the coaches. The AED lease document process is in the hands of CFO Alan Negreann and Borough Attorney Tom Sarlo. The RE Board of Education agreement to allow the AED install on school property has been received and is to be reviewed by Tom Sarlo and then submitted for approval by the Mayor and Council.
- C. Operating Budget -Capital Budget -Open Space Budget requests review draft and approval - Open Space Meeting - J. Teehan reported on the Public Open Space meeting presentation and discussion and the added request by Councilman Bartelloni for \$10,000 for a shed to be placed on Roosevelt School Field. The Commission discussed the funding and placement and purpose of the shed on School property.
- E. Busted will discuss with the Mayor, the scheduling of the next meeting with the River Edge School Superintendent and School Board President, to continue the discussion of property maintenance and facility use.

D. River Edge Run -

E. **River Edge Run -**  
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- Request for award for most participation by a club - re: NJ Masters - REGAL- the Commission approved a plaque for the largest participation by a Group
- The application went to print and will be sent out to all residents by March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Shirts have been ordered
- DJ has been confirmed

G. Trips

- 1) Casino Bus Trip - Bethlehem PA - Sands - March 19<sup>th</sup> - flyer was sent out to Bus Trip List
- 2) Mets Game - June 2 - Tickets have been received ready to promotion

3) New York Rockettes Spectacular - cancellation by MSG - per Director's report -

4) Holiday Show and Dinner - Hunterdon Hills - the Commission reviewed and approved the proposed Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - afternoon performance (4:00) with dinner - at a price of \$72.50 plus bus transportation trip - SCORE is interested in this trip and will promote with their membership

5) Suggested bus trips - per correspondence - The Commission reviewed the proposed weekday trip to Grounds for Sculpture and determined that the amount of walking for participants and the potential weather concern for an outdoor venue would deter people from signing up and a sufficient number of necessary participants to cover the bus transportation would not be met.

The Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed partnership with the Lions Club for a Devils Game Bus Trip at Prudential Center and felt that the cost of the bus would not be covered by the number of participants registering for the Devil's Game. The Commission has experienced losses for such sport games in the past and therefore determined that they would not be willing to participate in this proposed bus trip event. Peter will be contacted with the name of the bus company that the Commission uses for our trips.

H. CAC Meeting Report - Closure of DEPAC -Commissioner J. Teehan- reported on the CAC meeting including the discussion of the closure of DPAC in Oradell and the potential impact on youth sports field availability. J. Teehan introduced the AED Program to the League Presidents as part of the meeting agenda.

I. Field Scheduling Report -Field Use Requests-Men's Sunday Softball - Commissioner C. Ilg reported on the field scheduling meeting. The unexpected attendance by the BlackHawks Soccer Club was discussed. It was determined that J. Teehan would speak with C.Caslin and the resulting conflict of Blackhawk out of season field use requests as well as the question of CAC membership or this club.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. REGAL - Field Hockey Clinic Proposal - Commissioner K.Krautheim - reported that REGAL, with approval of the Commission, would like to start a Field Hockey Clinic Program for fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls in late April on Sundays evenings at the high school. This would be a feeder program for the High School and would be coached by the High School coaches. The Commission approved of this starter program

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm by motion from C. Rebosio and seconded by C. Lau All present in favor. None opposed. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission - March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.