

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
January 26, 2017

The Wednesday, January 26, 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 7:40pm by Commission Vice Chair Alicia Armental.

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

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

**Welcome of re-appointed Recreation Commissioners and Council Liaison** - Jimmy Teehan and Pete Smith were congratulated on their re-appointments to the Recreation Commission and Councilwoman Ellen Busteed welcomed as the Liaison to the Recreation Commission.

**Re-Organization: Elections/Appointments:**

Nomination of Commission Chairman: Jim Teehan by C. Lau- motion to approve -C. Lau second by A. Armental All present in favor None opposed

Nomination of Commission Vice Chair: Alicia Armental motion to approve C. Ilg, seconded by C. Lau All present in favor None opposed

Re- Appointment of Director -Bobbi Conway - motion to approve - A. Armental; seconded C. Lau All present in favor -None opposed

Director's Report - All subjects and issues were covered on the agenda. Director asked for updated Commission addresses and emails

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Recreation Commission 2017 Meeting Dates
2. Fee resolution for River Edge Run events approved on 11-16-16
3. Fee resolution for Men's Softball-Women's Softball-River Edge Run Events Tennis-Casino -Trips Camp approved by motion - Cl Ilg, second - A. Armental - all in favor - none opposed
4. Memo fro A. Negreann- - Re: Public Hearing - Open Space 2017 budget requests February 221t - 7:00pm
5. Recreation Commission Open Space 2017 budget request
6. Email from T. Sarlo - Borough Attorney - Legal opinion - lease agreement for AED purchase
7. River Edge Run Event Form from website download
8. Recreation Commission notice to neighbors of KBG regarding construction start and pile driving start date
9. Email request for use of KBG field by AGC Soccer during summer - one week - Mark Gioffre
10. Request for use of KBG Field by the Sunday AM Softball League - Gary Lippman
11. Email from Carl O'Brien, Maser Consulting RE: status of Park and Field Feasibility Study

OLD BUSINESS:

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- A. KBG Light Project - update - At this point the schedule is: Week of 1-30-17 pole removal - Based on weather Week of 2-6-17 - pile driving- letters have gone out to 30 neighboring residents including the Borough Clerk of New Milford notifying them of this schedule at KBG. These letters were mailed in regular mail and via certified mail.
- B. AED Update - Training - The Commission had received Borough Attorney Sarlo's email regarding the approval to lease the AED units.  
The director reviewed the current finances available for the 4 year lease agreement of \$3712.23 from 2016 Capital funds (approved 77% of the \$4500 equaling \$2858.48 and the balance ( \$853.84 ) to be requested from Operating Budget with an actual request of \$1500 which would allow for installation costs. Cardiac Science provides a 20 minute training video which the Commission approved as required for all volunteer coaches. A report of those taking the training or official sign-in is being researched by Cardiac Science. A presentation by Cardiac Science Sales Rep -Joey Bombara for a large group of volunteer coaches will be organized for mid-March. All of this AED information and potential presentation will be covered at the CAC meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- C. MAYOR'S-REBOE MEETING - February 2<sup>nd</sup> - A third meeting will be held to discuss school field maintenance, the Cherry Hill Field, and the shed and batting cage at Roosevelt Field. The director reviewed related 2017 Open Space items including the soil conditioner to be used at Roosevelt Field to help with the dust created from the dragging of the fields and the quote for the resizing and renovating of Cherry Hill School Field. The director requested of K. Krautheim, the specs, photos and location for the requested REGAL shed and batting cage prior to the meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. C. Rebosio asked specifically if REGAL would be financing these two items. K. Krautheim stated the REGAL would be paying for the shed and batting cage.
- D. Operating Budget -Capital Budget -Open Space Budget requests - the Commission finalized the 2017 Open Space Budget for presentation at the February 21<sup>st</sup> mayor and Council meeting at 7:00pm. The Commission reviewed balances left in 2015 and 2016 and reviewed plans for use- primarily for the grant match for the repair and/or renovation of the basketball courts.
- E. Open Space Meeting -Tuesday February 21st 7:00pm Commissioners were requested to attend this important meeting.
- F. River Edge Run  
2017 Run event areas of discussion - online registration update- is up and running. Notices to save the date went out via email to last year's runsigup.com participants - Sponsors are needed especially new sponsors such as California Taco and 7-Eleven -- River Edge Jewelry

Store. Sponsor letters were distributed and in-person visits by Commissioners were requested. The 2017 t-shirts and colors were discussed with the TEAM 350 being a favorite in steel grey with yellow lettering. Suggestion that staff shirts be in cotton not the performance T's.

## NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fee ordinance 2017 > Run - Casino - Trips - Softball -Camp - Tennis - approved by resolution >> see correspondence

B. Recreation Brochure - a draft of the Brochure was reviewed and revised by the Commission. The revisions will be made and brochures printed in the color blue. Bulk mail to residents will be completed as soon as possible.

1) Casino Bus Trip - to Bethlehem PA - Sands is scheduled for March 19th

2) Mets Game is set for Friday, June 2 - 50 tickets have been purchased in the Big Apple Section

3) New York Rockettes Spectacular The Commission approved a Saturday -July 15<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm performance with tickets in the Second Mez for a special offer of 50 tickets at \$40 each.

4) Holiday Show and Dinner - Hunterdon Hills - TBD - SCORE members would like to plan a trip to this location and performance/dinner

5) C. Rebosio will research a Yankee Game trip and work with J. Teehan on a date

C. Central Athletic Council Annual Meeting Date will be held on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

D. Field Scheduling Meeting Date will be held on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### E. **Field Use Requests -**

1. Men's Sunday Softball - This River Edge group has been playing for several years on Sundays prior to noon at KBG. The Commission has opened up the use of the fields on Sunday mornings (policy change) to youth leagues. The use of KBG on Sunday mornings will be discussed at the Field Scheduling Meeting on 2/15/17. The Men's Softball Group will be notified of the schedule.

2. AGC Soccer - The Commission approved the use of KBG Field by AGC Soccer Camp for the week of 7/17/-7/21 as requested by Mark Gioffre

F. Closure of DEPAC - The Commission discussed the closure of DEPAC and the resulting schedule concerns for Lacrosse and in the future, Jr. Football and Soccer. Council Liaison, Ellen Busteded, asked what impact the closure would have on River Edge Youth Sports. She requested of Commissioner Ilg, an accounting of sport leagues that use DEPAC and the impact on those sports and on the River Edge facilities.

G. Commissioner Bob Smith asked of Commissioner Ken Krauthem, also REGAL

President, about the differential in fees for participants in Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball. K. Krautheim detailed the cost of Girls basketball with additional discussion, but in the end suggested that Bob attend a REGAL meeting to ask these questions.

- H. The Little League Organization wishes to honor the memory of Pete Cameron, by naming the South Little League Field - Pete Cameron Field . With the donations in Pete Cameron's name, donation will allow replacement of the scoreboard ( board only) and the name of the field will be placed on the new score board. The following motion from Pete Smith, second by Chris Ilg was unanimously approved by the Commission members, " To honor the memory of Pete Cameron, the Recreation Commission approves the naming of Little League South "Pete Cameron Field" and the placement of his name on the refurbished Little League South Scoreboard.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm by motion from A. Armental and seconded by C. Rebosio. All present in favor. None opposed. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission - February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.