

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
July 20, 2016

The Wednesday, July 20, 2016 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd floor conference Room of the Public Safety Building. Chairman Jimmy Teehan called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

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

Absent: Alicia Armental

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 18, 2106 meeting were approved. Motion by B. Smith second by C. Lau. All members present voted in favor of approval.

Director's Report -The director reported there are 326 campers in the Summer Camp Program and 50 Camp Counselors plus our Adult staff of Arts and Crafts-Samantha Walters, Office Manager& First Aid- Anna Delia - Assist Camp Director- Brad Segall and Camp Director- Dore Zimmermann. The Counselor Training was held on June 25th - Camp started on June 27 and runs through July 29th - The Camp Calendar was handed out to the Commission. A few of the highlights of the Camp Program were trips of - Bowling- Bounce U - Monster Golf and the Batting Center, the Magic Show- 4th of July Parade and 4th of July Musical Entertainment- World Cup Soccer- Olympics Day - Western Week - with pony rides and petting zoo - Fire Truck Day - Lizard Guy - Carnival Day and Generation Hockey. The recycle - bottle -can containers were received and placed in Memorial Park, Brookside Park and KBG Park. The Met's Game on June 17th had 42 participants - all had fun - game results not so good.

The Rockettes Spectacular Bus Trip was held on July 14th with 40 participants - It was a wonderful show - all had a spectacular time - 22 of the participants were from SCORE and 8 from St. Peters Support Group. The Director looked into Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - "a Playhouse Christmas" 2016 - suggested by SCORE and St. Peters Group. The weekday fee is \$64.50 and the weekend fee\$71.73 - With the bus transportation added on, the cost is quite high and the dates of availability were not good dates. Also may conflict with the Christmas Spectacular ticket sales. The Commission determined not to pursue the Hunterdon Playhouse Trip this year. The Commission has it's second wedding in the park request - for small gathering on 8-5-16. The Commission approved this event.

The Commission had asked for a large photo display of Recreation Events and facilities for the office and for River Edge Day display. The Director will pursue this through Redi-Print. The director showed photos of examples for this display.

The director stated the balance of subjects would be covered under the agenda topics for discussion.

Open Public Session-Visitors: Mayor Ed Mignone . Councilman Alphonse Bartelloni

The Mayor discussed his thoughts on the KBG project as a lot of unfortunate circumstances with this KBG Project, which puts the Mayor and Council in a difficult situation. He feels that the soil conditions should have been anticipated, there is a discrepancy of poles heights and no alternatives to the pole foundations along with the potential of additional engineering costs if change orders are necessary will add to the costs. He's looking for explanations from Mr. Miller and Mr. Zoeller on August 8th. With this project and recent discussions of future projects such as Roosevelt School there is a muddying of the projects as to who is responsible - who is spearheading the projects and plans. The Commission should flush out the project details and determine worthwhile projects and receive acceptable proposals before going to the Mayor and Council with a recommendation.

The Mayor does not know where the KBG Project is headed at this time. We have an estimate for foundations of \$40,000 and now we have a proposal for \$256,000 for that work. The budget process is in February and March so that funding of capital and open space would not be discussed until that time. The existing lights have been standing for thirty years and yet we do not know what type of foundations these are. The Recreation Commission is responsible for the recommendation for using the field with the current substandard lighting.

As for the erosion issue at Cherry Blossom Park, the Mayor feels this is a design defect and that the erosion is not caused by water draining from the adjacent parking lot property. E. Busted asked if the property maintenance department could look at the parking lot corner. The Bergen County Soil District Agency has been working with Tom Miller regarding a solution to the erosion and that agency will need to approve the plan. Once again, Tom Miller will respond to concerns regarding the project contract at the August 8th meeting.

The Mayor asked that the Commission take a holistic approach to future annual reports - covering the long term overview of adequacy of facilities and future improvements. The Commission should have a master calendar of use of the fields - what groups use the fields and what dates and times.

A cost benefit analysis of maintenance and an assessment plan of facilities for improvements. Instead of coming with a list of Open Space needs - a priority of projects with matrix and bullet points.

The maintenance of school property as described in a loosely written inter-local agreement ordinance states that the Borough is responsible for the maintenance of the school fields. The language of the agreement needs to be addressed and the term of the agreement reviewed with the RE Board of Education.

The potential loss of Cherry Hill School field use in the future will impact the leagues and may in the future affect the use of Roosevelt as well, due to the parking issue.

The Commission should be setting standards for the fields and facilities and the hiring of a park and recreation planner would be recommended by the Mayor to assist the Commission. J. Teehan asked where the fee for this planner come from? The Mayor stated he was not sure. The Mayor stated that the Council should not be involved in the small project decisions. The Commission should organize project and come up with a protocol for maintenance and short term fixes and long term 5- 10 year plans.

The Mayor stated that use of the Temple on Howland for meetings was offered by Rabbi Jacobson. The gym at Yeshiva was mentioned as a possible facility to use, by E. Busted. The Mayor will check out

that possibility as it would be a great benefit to have that space for basketball.

With regard to the maintenance of the fields, the Mayor feels that the Recreation Commission should come up with the improvements not the leagues. J. Teehan explained that the Commission gives the leagues the opportunity to present improvements to the fields and facilities. Every League has that opportunity - some respond and others do not. P. Smith stated that Little League uses their own funds for the maintenance and improvements of the fields. J. Teehan stated that the Commission does not deny any league the opportunity to come forth with suggested improvements. Again, some leagues choose to do so - some do not. Those leagues that do, are given consideration and the Commission determines the priority of those requests.

Alphonse Bartelloni addressed the Commission as a parent and coach stating that history between REGAL and Little League is not important at this time but that there is a glaring difference between the field and facility for the REGAL versus Little League - He went on to state the several differences which he considers to be unfair and that parity is the key. J. Teehan understands that everyone should have the same field and facilities but when it comes to the Little League fields, the Little League has put more than \$25,000 of improvements to the fields and facilities. C. Rebosio stated that Little League coaches maintain the fields - raking it before and after games and they also maintain that batting cage and surrounding field areas. C. Rebosio went on to say that the fact that Little League has put significant money into the Little League fields should not be discounted or ignored. Are there funds available from REGAL? K Krautheim stated that REGAL would not want to invest in a field that is not owned by the borough. If the Board of Ed allows certain improvements on the field, then at that time funding can be discussed.

A. Bartelloni stated that the Commission has an obligation by the equal protection mandate to make sure equal facilities are provided. This isn't Little League versus REGAL. It was pointed out that Roosevelt Field is a Board of Ed field and there are limits as to what can be done to the field and facilities. J. Teehan questioned why the list of improvements didn't come from REGAL or the REGAL Board. A. Bartelloni stated that the list was given to him by REGAL. This isn't his list. He was asked to provide the list. J. Teehan stated that this came to us in a backwards way - this request should have come directly from REGAL. E. Busted stated that there are strategic requests and tactical requests and the Commission needs to breakdown the areas of responsibility.

Going forward the 2001 Interlocal Agreement covering field maintenance with the Board of Ed needs to be reviewed and a meeting with the Board of Ed to discuss the potential improvements to Roosevelt Field needs to be scheduled. E. Busted was asked to reach out to the Board of Ed for this conversation to begin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fee Resolution- 2016 Army - Lafayette Football Game - 2016 Christmas Spectacular Radio City
2. Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Letter of Intent to Apply
3. Letter from Bob Zoeller, Musco Field Representative, to Tom Miller Project Engineer KBG Field Light Poles Foundation
4. Email from Craig Testing to Tom Miller RE: KBG Borings and test results - review

5. Memo from Alan Negreann to Ezio Altamura and Tom Sarlo - Re: KBG Lights Project and Cherry Blossom Park Change Order
6. Memo from Alan Negreann to Recreation Director Change order #5 Cherry Blossom Park and KBG Lights
8. Email from Alphonse Bartelloni to Recreation Commission RE: Roosevelt Fields improvements
9. Letter dated March 1, 2004 from William Lindsley, former Borough Attorney, to Alan Negreann re: Use of Open Space Funds for maintenance of school fields
10. Fit Trail information provided by C. Rebosio

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Fee Resolution for approval :
 1. Army Football Game - 30 tickets were purchased for the Army- Lafayette Game on October 15th - no bus - transportation is on your own > Fee Resolution: The Commission approved a fee of \$39.00 (actual ticket price)
 2. Christmas Spectacular - 2016 bus trip - December 8th performance 42 tickets purchased 2nd mezzanine- Row A-B-C Tickets \$50 -Bus transportation - \$825 (\$20 each) The Commission approved a fee of \$70 per person.
 3. Mens' Fall SoftBall - The Commission approved a fee of \$45 for the registration up to August 15th - Starting August 16th a late fee of \$15 will be charged - NO registrations will be taken after August 24th.
- B. Aerate and Seed Quote Proposals (Fall) - Memorial Park - Fields - PPFM Trust- The Commission reviewed the quote proposal from Wogisch Landscape and determined that the work should be done to keep the grass in good condition. The PPFM Trust will be the source of the funds for the work. Two additional quotes will be requested prior to the next meeting. A quote to re-configure and reduce the size of Cherry Hill Field was received from Wogisch Landscape for future planning purposes. The Commission discussed that the RE Board of Ed was looking into using part of the field for a parking lot and until the Board of Ed comes up with a site plan, this re-configuration quote will be held for the future.
- C. Basketball Court Repair/Renovate Proposals - Brookside B-ball court surface - Tennis Courts - crack repair- The Commission currently has quote proposals from Hinding Tennis Courts for the repair of the tennis courts and basketball courts. The tennis court crack repair needs to be taken care of before the winter sets in. There are funds in the Recreation Dedicated Tennis Membership account that could cover the costs of repair. The director will secure two more quotes so that this work can be awarded. The basketball court repair or renovation discussion will be on a future meeting agenda as the renovation will be a budget item request.
- D. Central Athletic Council - AED update report- K. Krautheim - stated that he would have an AED protocol draft with the CAC approval - ready for the next meeting - August.
- E. Cherry Blossom Park - Phase 1 - The director explained that Tom Miller, project engineer certified the completion of the project and requested approval for a change

order down so as to close out the project. The Mayor and Council have questioned the drainage issue in one corner of the property and the grey area regarding the contractor - The Mayor and Council have asked that Tom Miller appear at the August 8th meeting to address questions regarding the project prior to approval the change order.

- F. Cherry Blossom Park Phase 2 - no plans or action on this project to date
- G. KBG Light Project - The Director reviewed the correspondence regarding the KBG Light Project. As an update to that correspondence, Tom Miller has engaged a structural engineering firm to review the boring report and submit an alternate to the original foundation pilings recommendation of which would require a large amount of additional funding. As stated by C. Rebosio - this is the worst case scenario for the project to receive this outcome. The Mayor and Council have requested that Tom Miller, ppdlc and Bob Zoeller, Musco Field Representative appear at the August 8th meeting to report on the status of the project and to present an alternative to this high cost of foundation pilings. The Director reviewed the current funding available for the project. Part of that funding was the approved 2016 Bergen County Open Space funds of \$37,542. The Commission was encouraged to attend the August 8th meeting. E. Busted asked about the expiration of Bergen County Open Space contract funds received. The term of the Open Space contract is two years. The use of the existing poles at KBG will be discussed at the August 8th meeting as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bergen County Open Space 2016 application - Letter of Intent for the 2016 application is due on August 10th - the Commission determined that it best to put a hold on this application until the August 8th meeting of the Mayor and Council when a discussion of the KBG Light Project is scheduled. (Subsequent to the meeting, the Commission members agreed to send a request to the Mayor and Council for consideration of the letter of intent for application of funds in 2016 in the amount of at least \$35,000)

The meeting was adjourned at 10::06pm by motion from C. Rebosio and seconded by B. Smith. All present in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is July 20, 2016 at 7:30pm.