

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Reorganization & Rescheduled Meeting Minutes January 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Committee Liaison Peter Karcher at 6:04 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Present: Dan Gaeta, Amanda Loguidice, Andy Cassini, Cathy O'Byrne, Jennifer Pandorf (alt #1), Peter Karcher (Liaison)

Absent: Jon Beyer, Suzanne Buchanan (alt #2), Wayne Spangenberg

Reorganization

Nominations for Chair – Ms. Loguidice nominated Mr. Gaeta, seconded by Ms. O'Byrne. All in favor.

Nominations for Vice Chair – Mr. Gaeta nominated Ms. Loguidice, seconded by Ms. Pandorf. All in favor.

2018 Meeting Dates – A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to approve the meeting dates, with the noted change for December. Seconded by Ms. Loguidice. All in favor.

Sports Committees:

Baseball – Wayne Spangenberg, Pat Burke

Softball – Karin Sabo

Basketball – Dan Gaeta

Soccer – Kevin Murphy

Subcommittees:

Community Day – Amanda Loguidice, Dan Gaeta

Rosenkrans Award – Suzanne Buchanan, Karin Sabo

Summer Recreation – Emilia Thompson, Shannon Schaaf

Parks & Recreation Areas – Beach/Boat Launch – Dan Gaeta, Shannon Schaaf; Field Coordinator - Unfilled

Adult Community Recreation Coordinator – Amanda Loguidice

Disciplinary – Chair, Sport Commissioner, Coach

Policies and Finances – Dan Gaeta and Cathy O'Byrne

A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to approve the Sports Committee and Subcommittee nominations, seconded by Ms. O'Byrne. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to accept the minutes from November 28, 2017. All in favor.

Reports

Adult Recreation: Yoga at the Lake Report: Going well. Continuing weekly at the Municipal building. Once weather warms up, will be moved to the pavilion. Calendar was approved by the Twp. Committee to continue through June.

Background Checks: None

Baseball: Registration link available on our website through Colonial Little League and Independence.

Basketball: Season is going well. There were some complaints received from the school, specifically a janitor at the school complaining about a rude and disruptive coach. Mr. Gaeta looked into the incident and it is not a coach from Liberty Recreation's program. Some issues with being let into the building. It is difficult to hear the night doorbell, and some practices have been cancelled/delayed. A discussion will need to take place with the league to ensure enforcement of the rules preventing stacking teams. Pending receipt of registration form, the LTRC has agreed to waive the registration fee and require the family to only cover the cost of the uniform for a late entrant.

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Beach: Garden State Labs has submitted a contract for 2018 water testing at the lake. The contract will need to be changed and the price will increase due to amendments made to the NJAC 8:26 Public Recreational Bathing Rules. One of the main changes affecting cost is that the Laboratory will no longer run tests for fecal coliform counts, it is now changed to e-coli testing, which is a more time consuming process in the lab. Contract anticipated before next meeting. There is also a new checklist that will be required to be completed before opening day. The job announcement for hiring Beach Manager and Lifeguards has been posted. Other avenues of advertisement will be pursued.

Community Day: Community Day will be held on Saturday, June 9th. Rain Date is June 10th. Three proposals were received from firework companies all totaling the same cost of \$5,000: Advanced Pyrotechnics, Garden State Fireworks, and Fireworks Extravaganza. A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to recommend approval of the contract from Fireworks Extravaganza by the Liberty Township Committee, seconded by Ms. Pandorf. All in favor. Quotes received from the Magic of Marco for this year: \$500 for 45 minute show or \$600 for a 2-hour strolling show. A motion made by Mr. Gaeta to move forward with a strolling show for this year and recommend Committee approval, seconded by Ms. O'Byrne. All in favor. Ms. Loguidice will bring quotes for the amusements next month.

Concession Stand: No report.

Disciplinary: None

Finances: The 2018 Budget request was submitted the same as last year, but included the questions/line item additions that the commission approved and discussed in November 2017.

Free Union Fields: Application received from NJ Dawgs (local amateur baseball team) for use of the Free Union Fields for May – August on Sundays. A motion was made by Dan to approve the application and recommend Township Committee approval, seconded by Amanda. All in favor.

Policies: None

Rosenkrans Award: None

Soccer: None

Softball: None

Summer Recreation Program: Dates have been set for July 2 – August 10th for the 2018 Summer Recreation Program. Job announcements have been posted for Program Director and Counselor positions. Discussion ensued regarding cost. The Commission will keep the cost the same as last year: \$90 per resident, \$125 for nonresident. Shannon will coordinate with Emilia and begin advertising for registration in April.

Recreation Commission Members: None

Recreation Commission Chair: New members are needed

Unfinished Business

Rutgers Safety Program: Dates to be determined

Geese Control at the Beach: Quotes were received for geese management – such as dog harassment and egg addling. After discussion took place the Commission is interested in moving forward with a proposal from USDA-APHIS for egg addling in the Mountain Lake Bog. The Commission will recommend its approval by the Township Committee.

Fundraising Limitations: Discuss more next month.

New Business

Newsletter Blurb: Shannon will draft a blurb for the Township newsletter to include: Community Day, art contest, Poker Run, Youth Sports, Adult Rec and availability of the Pavilion at Mt. Lake.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 7:05 pm.

Approved 2/27/18