

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes March 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:19 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Present: Amanda Loguidice, Wayne Spangenberg, Ian Denzer-Weiler, Cathy O'Byrne, Kelsey Nauta, Kat Boger, Jennifer Pandorf (alt #1), Peter Karcher (Liaison)

Absent: Andy Cassini, Vacancy (Alt #2)

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Loguidice to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2019 with minor corrections. Motion seconded by Mr. Denzer-Weiler. All in favor.

Communications: None

Reports

Adult Recreation: Yoga is continuing well. Once outside, attendance should improve for both Yoga and Qi-Gong. Discussion ensued regarding movie night and equipment rental for a summer movie. Ms. Schaaf will reach out to Eddy Patient regarding written request/paperwork to secure equipment rental for June 21st movie night (rain date 6/22). Movie to be shown is Back to the Future.

Background Checks: None

Baseball: Baseball Commissioner and Ms. Schaaf met to discuss the fields at Free Union. Discussion included possibly aerating the soil through the assistance of Public Works and opening the fields to requests from Colonial Little League for practice and games. Ms. Schaaf will reach out to Independence Recreation with Facility Use Application. Discussion also included creating a schedule via Google Drive to coordinate field use through Mr. Spangenberg and Mr. Denzer-Weiler. The Commission also discussed the loss of recreation space the Basketball and Soccer program will face through the closing of Liberty School. Ms. Schaaf will draft a letter for the Recreation Commission to review regarding the amount of time/teams and facility use the programs used to ensure continued support and accessibility for the Recreation programs.

Basketball: Season is finished. No official update.

Beach: Three quotes for water testing received from Eurofins Lab (\$3,200), Solitude Lake Management (\$2,000), and Garden State Labs (\$1,250). Ms. Loguidice made a motion to recommend approving the contract for seasonal water testing at Mt. Lake Beach with Garden State Labs. Motion seconded by Ms. Pandorf. All in favor. The application was received from the Warren County Health Department. Ms. Schaaf will complete in April. Discussion ensued regarding the docks at Mt. Lake beach. DPW secured dock to the beach and will be looking into ordering some parts to repair the dock. DPW recommends that the dock, walkout and deep end, be taken out every year. Discussion regarded a proposed Eagle Scout project to build a Little Free Library near the beach for community use and discussion took place over the request to move the kayak rack near the lake beach to the other side of the pavilion. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with the Mayor.

Community Day: Pending contract from Mr. Magico for a 45 minute hour show and strolling magic. Discussed t-shirts from the art contest in 2018. Commission discussed selling remainder t-shirts at reduced price to continue to raise funds for the playground. A motion was made by Jenn to waive the registration for 2019 Summer Rec camp for 1 person who wins the art contest for this year. Motion seconded by Kelsey. All in favor. Community Day schedule to be provided in May.

Concession Stand: DPEW reported a water pipe break in one of the bathrooms. Repairs will be done as soon as possible so pre-season water testing can begin.

Disciplinary: None

Finances: None.

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Free Union Fields: Discussion ensued regarding inviting Colonial Little League to use the fields for the 2019 season. Ms. Schaaf will share the facility use application with Independence Recreation.

Policies: Tabled until April.

Rosenkrans Award: Ms. Schaaf will forward information about the Rosenkrans Award and contacts to Cathy to gather an eligibility list. Shannon will reach out to Fliegaulf Jewelers to ensure the trophies will be available.

Soccer: Ms. Maza resigned from Commissioner. A new soccer commissioner will be needed before June.

Softball: None.

Summer Recreation Program: Flyer regarding registration open and 2019 program dates was distributed to all three schools. Registration for nonresidents will begin May 1.

Recreation Commission Members: An alternate commission member position is still available. Looking for recommendations. Discussed utilizing the sheds for the 2019 baseball season. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with Mr. Cassini regarding the project.

Recreation Commission Chair: None.

Old Business

Kayak/SUP Rental this summer at Mt. Lake: The Township Committee said no, due to concerns over liability.

Recreation Poll Update: Nine responses have been received online. Paper responses are still available in the vestibule to the building. Poll is still open on the Township website. A member brought up an issue with the link. Ms. Schaaf will look into and check the link.

New Business

Recommendations for Summer Counselors and Lifeguards: Interviews were held and recommendations from the hiring committee were presented to the Recreation Commission for final review. Discussion ensued regarding clarifying employment and termination policies. The Commission reviewed the recommendations for Summer Rec counselors. A motion by Amanda was made to approve the slate of employees at the listed hourly rates, seconded by Jenn. All in favor. The Commission reviewed the list of counselors being recommended for approval at their slated hourly rates. A motion was made by Amanda, seconded by Cathy. All in favor.

Approval of Expenses: Amanda made a motion was made to approve the vouchers for the 2018-2019 basketball season, seconded by Ian. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 7:29 pm.

Approved 4/29/19