

# Liberty Township Recreation Commission

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### March 24, 2009

The Vice Chairman Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll call:** Present: Vice Chair Mike Doyle, Amy Dieteman, Al Crisafulli, Karin Sabo, Charles Lindow, Committee Liaison Mark Tibak Absent: Chairman Mike McGreevy, John Crisp

**Minutes:** The minutes of February 24, 2009 were accepted on a motion by Ms. Dieteman, seconded by Ms. Sabo, all in favor.

**Public Comment:** None

#### **Communications:**

- Use of Facility Request from North Jersey Athletics adult teams was approved for the Spring and Summer season, pending a schedule with more specific dates, including dates of away games when the field will NOT be in use, being submitted by the next meeting and that there will be no inference with Recreation activities, on a motion by Ms. Dieteman, seconded by Mr. Lindow with all in favor. A current certificate of insurance has been provided. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> season the Athletics have used the Free Union Field. Coordination for field use will be through Al Crisafulli and Amy Dieteman.
- A police report has been provided by Mrs. Olchese, concerning the baseball through her car window. This will be forwarded to the insurance company.

#### **Sports Commissioner Reports:**

**Basketball-** Mr. Crisafulli reported the season has ended. Congratulations to Eric Kendra's team which made the finals. A discussion was held on uniform returns. Wayne Chaladoff has taken over as Commissioner, and will attend the next League meeting.

**Baseball-** Mr. Crisafulli reported the field preparation is on going. The school fields need a lot of work, and Mr. McGreevy and volunteers are making headway. The DPW will be asked to drop the clay in the requested spots, and will be asked to charge the batteries for the tractors. Saturday the coach's equipment will be distributed with field clean up at the school to follow. Games will begin April 18. The Concession should open for the 25<sup>th</sup> when team photos will be taken and Dave D'Olivo will hold a clinic. The approved opening day funds of \$500 will not be needed.

After discussion, Ms. Dieteman made a motion to use those funds, plus another \$250 to pay two youths for field maintenance such as raking and lining on three fields for a period of 10 weeks at \$75 per week (total \$750), seconded by Mr. Lindow, with all in favor. Mr. Crisafulli will supervise and pay the boys with these funds. A record will be kept of times and dates of the work.

Two umpires have been sent to a clinic, and are scheduled for home games. Mr. Crisafulli will pay them to begin 30 minutes early to remove tarps, rake, and set out bases, and then to replace the tarps and bases when the day has ended. The umpire fees at the National level are \$45/ game.

The stipend for the Facilities Coordinator was OK'd by the Township Committee, however no one has stepped forward to fill the position.

**Softball –** Mr. Doyle reported that the younger girls games will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays. There have been concerns that unorganized practices have begun with the Independence teams, and Liberty girls are not being included. Those concerns must be brought before Independence, and if no satisfaction is found, then bring them to Mr. Doyle. A portion of the approved \$200 for equipment will be used for small helmets and lightweight bats.

**Soccer-** Ms. Dieteman reported the registrations will be held Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and tentatively Wed. May 6<sup>th</sup>. Tentative skills assessments will be held June 10, to avoid conflicts with baseball schedules. The same number of teams is anticipated. League rules have changed to require referee certification, a shirt, and a patch.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Parks & Recreation Areas**

Beach, Boat launch, Docks – no report

Concession Stand - -

Fields- -

**Rosenkrans award** – no report

**Summer Recreation** – no report

**Discipline**– no report

**Policies** – no report

### **Old Business**

Background checks: Mr. Doyle reviewed the information from Blirstown obtained by Mr. Tibak. Mr. Fromer from Instant Verification will be invited to the next meeting to explain the parameters of the search. Discussion was held.

### **New Business**

**Megan's Law:** Discussion was held on the notification process from the Warren County Prosecutor's Megan's Law Unit. Ms. Greason was waiting for input from the Twp. Attorney.

**Dugouts:** Mr. McGreevy reported the roofing materials will be picked up by the DPW from Blue Ridge Lumber. The consensus of the Commission was to use metal roofing material.

**Commissioner and Public Comments:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary