

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes November 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Dan Gaeta at 6:04 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Dan Gaeta, Vice Chair Amanda Loguidice, Andy Cassini, Wayne Spangenberg, Peter Karcher (Liaison)

Absent: Jon Beyer, Cathy O'Byrne, Jennifer Pandorf (alt #1), Suzanne Buchanan (alt #2),

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dan to approve the minutes with minor corrections from October 24, 2017, seconded by Amanda. All in favor.

Reports

Adult Recreation: Yoga at the Lake has been well attended. Yoga is Wednesday nights, except the 2nd Wednesday of each month which is Tai Chi/Qigong. Held indoors each week and continues throughout the year.

Background Checks: The background check site is open. The Recreation Assistant will email all of the Commission members to complete.

Baseball: Warren County Baseball is closed. The LTRC has agreed that they will merge baseball with the Colonial Little League in Independence. Colonial Little League (CLL) can use the Free Union Fields for practice and games, as long as they are maintained. The scheduling will be flexible so teams can play at fields in both towns. All of the registered players will be pooled together, so teams are mixed. Wayne has volunteered to help coordinate scheduling of the Free Union Fields with Colonial. Dan Stroessenruther, Baseball Commissioner for Independence Recreation Committee, was in attendance to discuss registration, merger, board and how the two towns can work together for youth baseball. The Recreation Assistant will reach out to Dan for more information. Mr. Stroessenruther provided some information regarding registration costs, etc to the LTRC: The league has game balls. The LTRC has equipment and Ms. Schaaf will look into how to donate some equipment to the League, since it has been purchased to support Liberty youth in baseball. Costs for baseball are as follows: Juniors \$95, Majors \$85, Minors \$85, Coach Pitch \$75, T-Ball \$35. CLL will provide an early bird registration discount. Registration opens in December. A motion was made by Wayne to join Colonial Little League, seconded Dan. All in favor.

Basketball: The rules previously mentioned as adopted for the league were redacted and will not be in effect for this year. Season is beginning and coaches will be completing the background check as per LTRC policy. Communication was received from the GMRSD and Independence TRC regarding sharing space at the Liberty gym. The Basketball Commissioner has been in contact with both and provided days/times that the gym will not be used by Liberty. The Commission needs some more supplies for the basketball season. Mr. Gaeta will order some more supplies (Basketballs).

Beach: \$195 was deposited from the Boat Launch fees for October and November. Mr. Gaeta will contact Buddy from EZ Dock regarding purchasing a kayak launch dock. No response has been received from the municipal attorney regarding liability issues/feasibility about kayak/canoe rentals at the beach or contracting a consultant for swim lessons.

Community Day: Ms. Loguidice will be our organizer for Community Day 2018. Mr. Gaeta and Ms. Schaaf have agreed to assist.

Concession Stand: None.

Disciplinary: None

Finances: The LTRC reviewed the budget and will be requesting some changes/additions for the Rec Trust as well as the Recreation Operating budget. The LTRC will be requesting a line be added for Adult Recreation in

the Trust and transfer \$500 to that budget line. The purchase of locks for the Baseball sheds, the LTRC is requesting that expense be paid from the Recreation O/E line instead of the Rec Trust. Regarding the Johnny on the Spot portable restroom rental at the boat launch, the LTRC would like to see this be paid from the Recreation account instead of the Rec Trust. Currently, the cleaning of the bathrooms at the Free Union Fields are being paid from the Rec Trust, the LTRC is requesting that be paid from the Ballfield Maintenance budget, under Parks O/E. Internet at the Beach for the security camera has been paid through the Rec Trust, the LTRC is requesting this be moved to the Beach budget. All of these requests will be presented at the December Twp. Committee meeting and Ms. Schaaf will reach out to the Liberty CFO as well.

Free Union Fields: There was a motion made by Dan to redact the application to sponsor the triathlon at Mountain Lake, seconded by Wayne. All in favor. An application was presented from the ARC of Warren County to sponsor the triathlon for 2018. A motion was made by Dan, seconded by Amanda. All in favor. The LTRC will submit the approved application for Twp. Committee review at the December meeting.

Policies: None.

Rosenkrans Award: Question arose regarding the Rosenkrans Award and the rules of the award as organized by the LTAA. Question: If Liberty baseball is now through Independence, will this affect our youth from being eligible for the award or open it to Independence youth? Ms. Schaaf will research and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Soccer: Mr. Murphy was in attendance and informed the LTRC that the season was completed and was a success. A voucher was presented to pay for the trophies. The trophies were an approved expense at the last meeting.

Softball: None

Summer Recreation Program: Counselor Job description is pending approval from the Twp. Committee.

Recreation Commission Members: None

Recreation Commission Chair: None

Old Business

Rutgers Safety Clinic: Chuck will let us know of possible dates for the workshop. Most likely in 2018.

Playground Planning: Questions were presented to both Twp. Committee, CFO, and municipal attorney. Still pending response regarding limitations of LTRC to sponsor events, insurance concerns, etc. Shannon and Amanda met to discuss some possible fundraisers: dunk tank at Community Day, tricky tray. Wayne volunteered to coordinate a softball game as a fundraiser. Money could be raised selling tickets and food/drink. More to follow up next month.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Approved 1/30/18