

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Rescheduled March Regular Meeting Minutes April 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Committee Liaison Peter Karcher at 6:09 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call**

Present: Chair Dan Gaeta, Vice Chair Amanda Loguidice, Andy Cassini, Cathy O'Byrne, Suzanne Buchanan (alt #2), Peter Karcher (Liaison)

Absent: Wayne Spangenburg, Jon Beyer, Jennifer Pandorf (alt #1)

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dan to accept the minutes from January 24, 2017 with the noted corrections, Second by Suzanne. All in favor. A motion was made by Dan to approve the minutes from February 28, 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Amanda. All in favor.

**Reports**

Adult Recreation: Amanda announced a Yoga at the Lake event in partnership with the Mt. Lake Community Association (MLCA & WAG) to take place on Wednesday, June 14 at the John R. Fisher Pavilion by the lake. Dan will make sure the dumpster is set up by the lake before the event. Amanda will review the floor area for the Pavilion to determine space available. This event will possibly run weekly if there is enough interest.

Background Checks: Dan will follow up with more information. Independence Twp. uses an online company for background checks. This could apply for Liberty Twp.

Baseball: No Baseball Committee members in attendance. Dan spoke about the difficulty in using the online system to get approval to use school facilities/fields. Liberty's application was not approved. More information to be reported in April meeting.

Beach: Salary/Employment chart reviewed. LTRC has questions regarding caps and pay increases. Ms. Schaaf will inquire. Mr. Gaeta made a motion to nominate the hiring for rehiring the following: Gwen Fisher, Beach Manager; Jake Carlson, Co-Manager, and returning lifeguards. Amanda seconded the motion. All in favor. The floating dock is available and can be installed soon. The dock requires a minimum of 8 ft. water clearance. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with Gwen regarding determining and marking the area for the installers. Mr. Gaeta will contact Buddy from EZ Docks regarding kayak launch dock. Ms. Loguidice suggested residents can rent a rack space for the summer season by possibly filling out the facility use form. Mr. Karcher will follow up regarding the kayak rack and speak to the Twp. Committee about the boat launch dock being moved this spring. A question from the public arose regarding picnic tables for the Pavilion and whether there were new ones being built. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with DPW Supervisor.

Community Day: Discussion was held regarding the tents from last year and how they do not have poles. Suggestions were made to return the unopened tents (3 – 10'x20' tents) and purchase new ones. Mr. Gaeta will follow up with Sarah Grub. This will be Ms. Grub's last year on the Community Day Subcommittee. A volunteer will be needed for next year.

Disciplinary: Executive Session

Finances: Executive Session

Free Union Fields: 2 Facility Use Applications received at the meeting. The MLCA & WAG submitted an application to use the beach for a sand castle competition to be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the lake. A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to approve the application. All in favor. Application received by Amateur Baseball Association requesting the Baseball field for games and practice. A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to approve. All in favor.

Policies – The LTRC received a proposal for a merger of Recreation with Independence Twp. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons to a merger. A Nomination to send the merger proposal to the Twp. attorney was made by Dan. All in favor.

Rosenkrans Award – Suzanne will follow up with Karin and report back at next meeting.

Soccer: None

Softball: None

Summer Recreation Program: Action taken during review of Beach. Mr. Gaeta made a motion to nominate Emilia be rehired as Summer Recreation Director.

Recreation Commission Members: None

Recreation Commission Chair: None

#### Unfinished Business

Budget 2017: LTRC will revisit in November 2017

Rutgers Safety Program: LTRC will pay for volunteers to attend course. Mr. Gaeta will contact Commissioners and get a list of who should attend.

Online Sports Registration: Report at next meeting.

#### New Business

Public Comment: Question regarding concerns over extending the fence around the beach. A resident had inquired if the LTRC would be interested in researching doggie disposal systems first before extending the fence line. Mr. Gaeta responded that there are signs existing saying animals are prohibited on the beach and saying area under surveillance. Ms. Gilmore volunteered to monitor and refill the bag station. Ms. Schaaf will research and report back next meeting.

Executive Session: Mr. Gaeta made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 pm, to discuss a disciplinary action and a fee. All in favor. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:51 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Gaeta to pay the \$100 fee as discussed. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Approved 4/25/17