

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes August 29, 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, Cathy O'Byrne, Jennifer Pandorf (alt #1)

Absent: Jon Beyer, Andy Cassini, Wayne Spangenburg, Suzanne Buchanan (alt #2), Peter Karcher (Liaison)

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dan to approve the minutes from July 25, 2017 with minor changes, seconded by Cathy. All in favor.

Reports

Adult Recreation: Yoga at the Lake has been well attended. Yoga was held every Wednesday night at 6pm and was well attended. Amanda would like to continue the program for the remainder of the 2017 year. The LTRC will request Township Committee approval to utilize the municipal building meeting room as the weather gets colder. Discussion ensued regarding the bulletin board that used to be by the boat launch. The LTRC will request the board be reinstalled to help promote community activities and educational information.

Background Checks: Shannon has an upcoming meeting with Blue Star Sports to begin work on setting up the software for Liberty Township. More to report in September.

Baseball: None

Basketball: Dan has been in contact with the basketball group and reports that gym fees will go up in Hackettstown, but shouldn't affect Liberty Township. Dan will order lawn signs to promote basketball registration. Registration will begin with an in-person sign-up on Saturday, September 30th from 10 am – 12 pm at the municipal building. The LTRC will request a sign from Public Works to be made and displayed promoting the registration date. Shannon will assist with coordinating the use of facilities for basketball season at the Liberty School gym.

Beach: Water testing failed once in July due to geese issue. Geese deterrents that were purchased and installed, fence extension, eye balloons, Mylar ribbon and orange fence, have been working. The LTRC suggests investing in new signs to promote beach rules for next year. Water quality has been great this summer! Discussion took place regarding clamshell rake for weed removal. More discussion will take place in October. Shannon and Dan will meet to discuss. Garden State Labs has sent a contract for water testing for the 2018 Beach season. If Liberty Township wishes to approve the contract early, a discount will be applied. A motion was made by Dan to recommend that the Township Committee approve and sign the contract for 2018, seconded by Jennifer. All in favor.

Community Day: None

Concession Stand: Shannon has spoken to a representative at NJFDEP regarding the water testing and if possible to discontinue. Liberty Twp. may not need to continue to test for nitrates. Waiting to hear back from NJDEP.

Disciplinary: None

Finances: None

Free Union Fields: None

Policies: An ordinance regarding procedures for approval of recreation facility applications under the Liberty Township Code Chapter 77 was recommended for approval by the LTRC with the following change, including stronger language to ensure conference with Recreation Commission before approval.

Soccer: Soccer fields have been reserved at the Liberty Township School for the two teams to practice. Kevin requested purchasing more instant ice packs that the coaches can use for injuries throughout the season. The LTRC recommends purchasing enough for soccer and basketball. Background checks will hopefully be done through the new system.

Softball: None

Summer Recreation Program: Program Director has submitted final report for Summer Recreation. No injuries or incidents. The camp was a success! Employee evaluation forms were conducted for end of the season. Shannon has them on file. The Director and Shannon worked together to draft an employee evaluation form which was used this year. A motion was made by Dan to approve the form. All in favor. The LTRC suggests drafting job descriptions for summer recreation counselors before next year. Shannon will review website to see if photos can be added to the top of the Recreation page.

Recreation Commission Members: None

Recreation Commission Chair: None

New Business

Rutgers Safety Clinic: Proposed September date. Shannon will follow up with Chuck. Amanda and Dan will reach out to coaches to see how many can attend.

Geese Control Permit: Shannon will email the commissioners a Wildlife fact sheet about geese control options, life cycle, nesting, etc. Discussion ensued regarding a permit for geese control and control options. Shannon will follow up with US Fish and Wildlife and NJDEP about possible egg/nesting identification-addling training.

Playground Planning: Ideal site is behind tennis courts at municipal building. This site has been discussed in the past. Shannon will reach out to Chuck for input. Fundraising ideas will be discussed next month.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Approved 9/26/17