

# LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes September 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Peter Karcher at 6:03 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), Suzanne Buchanan (alt #2), Peter Karcher (Liaison)

Absent: Jon Beyer, Andy Cassini, Wayne Spangenburg,

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dan to approve the minutes from August 29, 2017, seconded by Cathy. All in favor.

## Reports

Adult Recreation: Yoga at the Lake has been well attended. Yoga was held two Wednesday nights and two classes cancelled due to weather. The program will continue outdoors until it is too cold and dark. Then it will be moved indoors to the Liberty Twp. Municipal building. Attendees will be notified of the location change via email and it will be posted on social media and the Twp. Blog.

Background Checks: The background check site is open and checks are being completed. Shannon Schaaf will email the link to Dan for future background checks to be completed. The Twp. Committee needs to review and approve the LTRC Background Check policy at the next meeting.

Baseball: None

Basketball: The Liberty School gym has been reserved for the basketball season. Shannon attended a meeting with Tim Havlusch from the Great Meadows school administration and other basketball commissioners/program directors. Discussion took place at the meeting regarding the need to share the facilities better – i.e. kids should be practicing at their current school since games will be at those schools. Basketball registration will take place in-person on Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty municipal building. Flyers have been distributed and a notice has been sent to the Jaguar Junction for inclusion. The Basketball Commissioner received an email regarding concerns for team sizes. Depending on the number of kids that register this season, all efforts will be made to ensure there are enough players per team. . For the past two years, Liberty has been excluded from the 1-2 clinic. Mr. Gaeta has emailed with Independence to ensure that Liberty and Hope can be included in games with Hackettstown and Independence.

Beach: More mylar ribbons have been set up as well as dead geese decoys installed to reduce the geese issue at the beach area. Geese are still getting into the beach and on the docks. The decoys will have to be moved more often. Shannon will reach out to Buddy from EZ docks to make sure the dock will remain in the water for the winter.

Community Day: None

Concession Stand: No word back from NJDEP regarding continuing nitrate testing at the pavilion. Will follow up for next month.

Disciplinary: None

Finances: None

Free Union Fields: Application received from DASH Multisport for the use of the picnic grove and surrounding area for the 2018 Tri Mountain Lake triathlon. Representatives from DASH were in attendance to answer questions and discuss the application. A motion was made by Dan to recommend approval of the application, seconded by Amanda. All in favor. The application will be given to Diane for inclusion on the Twp. Committee meeting agenda.

Policies: None.

Rosenkrans Award: None.

Soccer: Kevin submitted a report via email. Soccer has been running well. Kevin is asking for approval from the LTRC to purchase trophies for the soccer players. Trophies will be about \$4-5 per trophy per player, estimating about \$75. Dan made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Suzanne. All in favor.

Softball: None

Summer Recreation Program: Shannon will coordinate with Emilia for a drafted counselor job description for review by the LTRC.

Recreation Commission Members: None

Recreation Commission Chair: Dan submitted the purchase of 15 lawn signs to advertise for basketball registration. Signs can be used every year to encourage and promote registration. Dan made the motion to approve spending \$249.95 for the purchase of the signs, seconded by Amanda. All in favor. The purchase will come from the Sports Equipment line.

#### Old Business

Rutgers Safety Clinic: Three coaches attended since there were openings in a class in Hackettstown. Dan will coordinate with Chuck to have coaches attend an upcoming session.

Geese Control Permit: More information will follow next month.

#### New Business

Playground Planning: Subcommittee formed to bring ideas for the playground: Amanda, Shannon and Jennifer. Shannon will reach out to Grover regarding identifying an architect to help design the playground. Possible ideas to fund: buy-a-brick, adopt-a-bench, and working with local Boy Scouts (similar to bench cover sat Field of Dreams in Independence).

PAIC Response: Recommendations for safety improvements were provided by PAIC during a review of the beach over the summer. Shannon will follow up with Chuck regarding completion and submit to PAIC.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Approved 10/24/17