

# LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 5:56pm.

**Open Public Meetings Notice** This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

### Flag Salute

### Roll Call

**Present:** Mike Wilson – Chair, Michele Warren – Vice-Chair, Jennifer Pandorf, Ian Denzer-Weiler, Aaron Feldman, Megan Florio, Jennifer Duncan, Wayne Spangenberg (Liaison)

### Absent:

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Aaron Feldman to accept the minutes from the January 31, 2023, meeting subject to the correction of the year from 2022 to 2023, which was seconded by Michelle Warren. All in favor.

### Reports:

- **Baseball - None**
- **Basketball** – Season will be ending in 2-3 weeks. Mike Wilson will be stepping down from the Commissioner position. There was discussion about looking into paying commissioners for their time. Research to be done before presenting to the Town Committee. A motion was made to offer each sports commissioner free registration for their own children for each season, seconded by John Ward, all in favor.
- **Soccer** – Spring Soccer registration is open, and we currently have approximately 23 player registered. A meeting was held on 2/27/23 with Melissa Shurack of Independence, Shannon Schaaf – Liberty Soccer Commissioner, and Carrie Gajda – LTRC Assistant. Rosters were compared and transfers determined. Independence will run teams for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades due to lack of players registered.
- **Community Day** – A meeting was held at the Firehouse on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> with Jackie Landon of the Ladies Auxiliary, Jennifer Pandorf, Shannon Schaaf, Michelle Warren, Carrie Gajda, and Larry Supp of the Environmental Commission. Tasks were laid out and assigned and quotes for fireworks and amusements will be obtained. A social media post was done to recruit volunteers. September 23, 2023 was officially chosen for this year’s event, with a rain date of September 24<sup>th</sup>. The idea was presented to offer vendors paid space as an additional fundraiser for the fire department/ladies auxiliary, which was approved by the fire department at their most recent meeting. The goal is to offer additional “substance” to the event that will draw more attendance.

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- **Rosenkrans Award** – Jennifer Pandorf has volunteered to head this for 2023 but will recuse herself from voting for recipients if her daughter is listed as a nominee.
- **Beach** – Three lifeguards from last year have expressed interest in returning this year, and three new candidates have expressed interest. Employment applications are being obtained and a date will be set in March for interviews.
- **Summer Recreation** – Emilia Thompson has submitted her application to manage the program once again. She is recruiting other camp counselors, and applications are being received. A date will be scheduled for interviews. A motion was made by Aaron Feldman to approve the prepared flyer subject to the addition of registration dates and elimination of “first come first serve”. Seconded by John Ward, all in favor.
- **Parks & Recreation Areas** - None
- **Adult Community Recreation** – Nothing to report, reach out to Cheryl Hopkins to inquire about yoga for the summer.

**Disciplinary and Policies:** No activity or report.

**Finances:** A motion was made by John Ward to approve invoices for Garden State Labs, BSN Sports, Advanced Media, Code Green, and Reference Services. Seconded by Michelle Warren, all in favor.

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** Financial Hardship Policy Review – to be tabled at this time.

### **New Business:**

- A motion was made by John Ward to accept the proposal from Code Green minus the optional summer fertilizer, seconded by Jennifer Pandorf. All in favor.
- A motion was made by Jennifer Pandorf to amend the policy regarding coaches and registration waivers to offer 1 free registration per sport for Head Coaches only. Seconded by Jennifer Duncan.
- Discussion about offering the Free Union baseball field for use by the Independence Softball team for practices. Wayne will present the idea to the Town Committee for further discussion.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24PM was made by Mike Wilson and seconded by Aaron Feldman.

**Next Meeting: March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**