

January 2013 Recreation Commission Meeting

Meeting Open to Public: Tony Feorenzo Jr., Tom Burke, Gary Zysman, Kevin Carmichael, Rob Carmichael, Linda Caruso, Sharon Carmichael & Kevin Smith - Tony thanked the Rec Commission for all their support of the Tackle Football Program. **Discussion followed concerning the procedure/policy of appointing coaches.**

Maria Elena Bellinger, Council Liaison: Brought up the topic of baseline screening for concussions – **Discussion –**

Advised the Rec Commission that emails that get forwarded to the Rec Commission need to stay with the Rec Commission and not shared with others – **Discussion –**

Advised that there has been some discussion amongst the Mayor & Council concerning security for our summer playground programs.

Bill Stallone questioned Maria Elena as to whether or not a separate line item was created for the Baseball Programs not run by Recreation – Her response was yes.

Jay Sexton, Superintendent of Shade Tree & Parks: Noted that there will be the hiring of additional Park Rangers.

Reported on storm damages at the various parks and playgrounds.

Brought up the question as to whether or not there is a low temperature threshold in place to deal with our programs that take place outdoors. **Discussion**

Advised the Commission on the “Safe Fields Act” – limiting the use of pesticides – only treat fields when there is a problem.

Reviewed the Capital Plan for the Recreation Department. **See Handout**

Discussion concerning the lights at the Sports Complex and the possible conversion of the basketball court into a sand volleyball court.

Director’s Report

Financial Report: Sue noted that in her opinion the Edmunds system doesn’t work for Trust Funds. Supposedly every time you print a report it will show you exactly what you have in that Trust Fund. It shows expenditures. It doesn’t take into account any monies that are being deposited on a daily basis into those Trust Funds. Sue hopes that the balances that she came up with are accurate. She had to take the numbers that the town said were the starting deposits/balances when the town switched over to the Edmunds System and minus all the expenditures between then and now and then also add numbers from another report that showed all the deposits between the switch over date and now. Sue is going to keep books the old fashion way.

Tackle Football: At the beginning of the football season, I processed a check for \$7200 for football referees for all the divisions. The bank statements showed that \$6165.00 was spent on referees leaving a difference of \$1035.00. Should I ask for that money back or just make a note and next season deduct this amount from what they request? **Deduct from next season's request.**

I left a message for Gary Zysman to get me a list of what they need for next season. Uniforms need to be ordered by February to insure that they are here on time.

Spring Registration: Sent brochure out today. Mail In & On Line Registration will begin on February 25th. In Person Registration will be on Monday, March 11th and Tuesday, March 12th.

Track & Field: I had met with Bob Roemer last week concerning the track & field program. Two issues – lack of coaches and practice time. Bob is going to work on getting coaches – I advertised in the brochure that along with coaches, parents are needed to help supervise as Bob noted that alone would be a big help. Last year we had 150 registrants. The practice time is still going to be a problem. I suggested that practice begin later such as around 7 p.m. Both Bob & Nick agreed that this might help in getting a more consistent practice schedule – the same two days each week would be great – last year working around the h.s. schedule and having different days each week was not so good. Anyhow, Bridget sent me the h.s. turf schedule for April & May and I thought I hit a homerun as it looks like every Wednesday & Friday there are home lacrosse games. I called Bridget to find out what time these games start and her response was – there is no set time and the schedule is subject to change anyway. **See if Bergen Community College is available as well as Paramus Catholic.**

Summer Playground: Hopefully by Friday, I will know what Key Staff Members want to come back. Pam is a definite. We are not looking to rehire Tim, one of Pam's assistants who was difficult last summer. Do we have any obligation to call him and advise him of this. April Brock does not want to do trips again but would like the consistency of working at one of the other playground sites. Of course Steve is gone and we will need to replace him. Out of the blue, Elizabeth Carr called me yesterday wanting to know if there were any openings. She spent the last two summers taking care of her mother who passed away recently.

I have been getting a lot of calls from places that we have been in the past wanting me to book trips with them. I would like to get started on this within the next two weeks. I also have to order all my summer playground supplies.

Boy Scout Recognition: Request from William Kyritz seeking certificates of recognition for the following Boy Scouts: Michael Merlino, James Chalmers, Stephen Renzulli & Kenneth Kneitel – needed by January 27th

Field Requests: John Ryan from the Frisch School/Yeshiva High School seeking a baseball field Sunday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m., March through May.

World Class Soccer is looking to rent the Parkway Plex this summer for three weeks – August 5th through August 23rd. In the past they have run their summer clinic program at the high school, but last year we did a huge favor for the BOE and let World Class use the Parkway Plex because the high school fields were unavailable. Kazbek Tambi would much rather return to the Parkway Plex than have to go back to the high school. In his letter to me he points out that his group is very cognizant of not ruining the fields. He is willing to trade off with us – in order words his group would do our travel tryouts for free (\$1200.00) and pay a difference if any.

Zag Sports, a company that runs adult leagues called wanting to get fields for soccer and flag football. I pushed that call off to the County Recreation Department.

Roller Hockey: I need to get in touch with this group about payment for the last two months. I have to check my records, I think they only paid for one month and then I went on vacation and I asked Bob if they sent anything in for November or December and he said no.

Wrestling: Seems to be running smooth. The one coach who hadn't returned an Intent Form finally did so. Nick Herrick is Rutger's Certified. I sent him a blue form for the police background check. He has yet to return that form.

I replied to Rob Kaiser that he needs to fill out the form for the wrestling tournament that they want to hold on a Sunday in February and that Rec would not be paying for the custodial staff on that date.

Lacrosse: Tom Sharples has been in touch with me concerning the upcoming season. He provided me with a list of coaches for both the boys and girls. At this time he says they only need lacrosse balls.

Kiddie Soccer Clinic: Sue noted correspondence from a company wanting to provide town with soccer program for children ages 3 ½ to 6 years of age. Sue might use them in conjunction with summer playground.

Acknowledgement of Coaches:

Wrestling

Nick Herrick
Robert Kaiser
Timothy Bush
Robert Bonino
Mike Cantone

Travel Basketball

Jordan Harris

Assistant Director's Report

Intown Basketball: Intown basketball is going well despite our issues in November and December getting coaches. The Collegiate League, which was the only league with all coaching

spots filled, is 4-5 games into their season and has had no major issues to report. The Pony League is still one coach short; four coaches from the league, Al Onove, Matt Ivanicki, Bill Holzmann and Gio Licini, have volunteered to help out the team and coach them on a part-time basis. We do still have games for that team that are not covered that I am still working on. For the Senior League, we needed 12 coaches and ultimately got 10 coaches. I distributed the remaining boys to the other teams in the league. Thankfully the coaches were very understanding. We added time to each quarter to accommodate the larger rosters. We did have to suspend one coach, Joe Berardi, after he was ejected from a game for receiving two technical. Joe felt one of the referees was singling him out and calling unwarranted fouls. Joe and his assistant voiced their displeasure multiple times and let to multiple technical fouls called in the first half. Joe protested his suspension, but after speaking with him, the scorekeepers, the referee assignor and Rich Trunfio we decided the suspension was deserved.

Indoor Soccer: The lack of coaches did not impact indoor soccer as badly as it did basketball. We made the decision to have three leagues play with 5 teams rather than 6 so we could start the season on time. The extra players were distributed to the other teams. The pre-season drama with Garry Rogers and Guy Milazzo has subsided and I have not heard anything further from them. Due to a leaking roof and repairs, we had to move all indoor soccer from Memorial to Midland School. We did have one coach question the draft process because one of the teams in the fifth & sixth grade boys league got what he believes to be two “5.0” players. I reviewed the draft results, and both of those players were marked as “unknown” at the draft, so there was no way to foresee the need to split them up.

Committee Reports

Maria Elena: Please advise Paramus Catholic that they need to adhere to the Lighting Warning System at the Complex.

Borough Emails: Discussion of email usage by coaches. Coaches need to be advised that email addresses are to be used for their sport only – no other reason. All emails should be BCC so that others cannot use them for other purposes.

Men’s Softball: Discussion of bat issue – does Rec purchase three bats per team – wood bats only – etc **Sue to send an email to all of the managers.**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:40 p.m. by Vince
Seconded by Tom LoCicero**

January 2013 – Outdoor Trust Account –

Cross Country	\$4881.21
Inline Skating	\$14,596.12
Lacrosse	\$27,549.30
Tennis	\$40,787.58
Track & Field	\$12,011.18
Roller Hockey	\$4827.45
Summer Basketball	\$20,083.03
Total	\$125,935.87

January 2013 – Indoor Trust Account –

Adult Activities	\$6457.75
Arts & Crafts	\$27,792.85
Basketball	\$34,512.18
Baton	\$8339.85
Volleyball	\$9121.95
Wrestling	\$15,124.68
Phys Ed for Tots	\$29,957.63
Total	\$131,306.89