

Rec Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018

Call to Order by Tom Allen

Pledge of Allegiance

The Compliance Statement is read by Tom Allen

Attendees:

- Dennis, Roe and Joe
- Elizabeth, Michelle, Alissa, Tammy, Steve, Derek, Mark Kelly, Van, Nick and Tom – Mark K. came in late.
- Everett

Minutes from Feb 20th meeting – correct spelling of Alissa's name. The time of the Basketball Festival is 6:30 – Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with the edits. Nick seconded the motion.

Stephanie Sherwood – Assistant Clerk at the Borough in attendance to swear in Michelle, Steve and Alissa. Dennis Jackson is not in attendance.

Everett brought to Stephanie's attention an update to the website for the Rec meeting date.

Director's Report

- Budget is pending approval from Council. The payroll budget has been increased. Dedicated Trust covers until budget is approved. Alissa asked about fund raising like the Special Events Committee however due to budget from the borough and Dedicated Trust, expenses are covered. However if there was a large expenditure – Dennis' wish for a waterpark, large rec center with meeting rooms etc. - then perhaps at that time. There are future plans for outside exercise area to benefit adults.

**Van had to leave due to a family emergency *
- Scholarship Committee – Van, Alissa and Steve. Steve stated there was a meeting last night. They went through the applications. There were 12 applicants. Plus 2 applications came in very late with no essay. The winners are Ben Joback and Reilly Appezzato. Riley is Roe's daughter. Dennis stated the names were due last week. Steve said the names would have been turned in after the meeting. Alissa asked about the criteria. Do the students know the subject for the essay? As the most of the applicants' essays did not include their Rec experience. The applications were all read on Monday. The scholarship is \$750 each.
- Basketball Recap
 - The weather affected the ending of the season.
 - The situation at the final game of the sr. girls' league. There will be a disciplinary meeting. There is video from the school – it was at the police station. Tammy asked how a suspension would be enforced. Dennis stated there is a file at Rec office for future personnel in case Dennis or other employees are unaware. The players are in eighth grade. The assistant coaches are mothers of the players. The sister of one of the players is 19 years

old. The police were called. Roe made a speech to the parents who were there after the incident.

- Tammy brought up an issue with the basketball photos. A parent mentioned to her they had some confusion. Roe went over the process. A suggestion was made to put up signs.
- Spring sign-ups
 - Due to the weather on Friday – last day – there were very few signups that day. Saturday was also added. Last year's # 300 while this year 242. Down 20%. We are competing with spring soccer, dance. Kids age out. However there are 211 k and only 25 signed up for tball. Don't have previous year's k kids to compare. Robocalls from school, emails and extra fliers were used. Dennis reached out to the schools – principal and gym teachers. There have been a few recruited. Other towns' numbers are also down. Warren can't field a team, Green Brook with Little League and taking from neighboring towns still have lower #s. S. Boundbrook has a legit team of Jr girls. Dennis is allowing them to join our league. Alissa asked about Exit Surveys. Survey Monkey was started by Mark K. Michelle asked about online access for residents. Dennis mentioned that online registration is at 40%. He also brought up that Honeywell notifications actually have to be signed up for on the school site by the parents. Alissa asked about paper Exit Surveys. Tammy and Alissa will work on them for the end of spring sports season. Registration is still open until Saturday. Tom asked about big events which are well attended by parents – fairs, basket auction and Back to School Nights.
- Opening Day Parade
 - Original date 4/8/18 – changing the date to 4/15 due to the weather. Van is setting up the clinics with HS boys and Roe is handling the clinics with HS girls. Parade will be at 1:00 from Green Acres to Krausche field. Clinics to follow while younger kids have games. Jr and Sr teams will play at 5:00.
- Football /Cheer
 - Helmets were sent for reconditioning. Nick and Joe found 16 more helmets today. Total of 79 helmets. Once done NP decals will added if there is a team. Not dragging families past July 1. If there is no team, there is no team.
 - Dawn Martinez selected sample uniforms for cheer from Omni. Dennis started looking at sample football uniforms from Rydell. No Lumberjack, using #s on jerseys on shoulder. Must have a team. The uniforms will take 4-6 weeks.
- Summer Camp/Playground
 - 10 kids signed up for summer camp and 1 for playground.
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Will we use the rain date due to snow and ground condition? Need volunteers to stuff eggs.
- Fishing Derby 4/14 originally
 - Changing the date to 4/21 with rain date 4/22. Tom running point. The park needs to be cleaned up but DPW is cleaning up branches from storms. Dennis updated the flyer.
- Memorial Day Service
 - Alissa is working on the Memorial Day Service – will be the same as previously done by Special Events.
- Old Business ?? none
- New Business

- At the concerts there will be an outside vendor – Angel – to handle concession. At the movie nights it will be Rec for the popcorn and soda. There may be a concert at Somerset St. Dennis spoke with the mayor and it is ok. There is power there. Joe and the concert subcommittee are working on the schedule. At Community Day there will be vendors, two bands and capped off with fireworks.

Motion made by Elizabeth and seconded by Michelle to adjourn.