

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 25th, 2015 7:30pm

A. Gabrielle called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

B. Attendance:

- C.** 1. Committee Members: Sharon Bobnar-Becker, Matt Miller, Bill Quinn, Ken Groel, Melissa Adams
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine
3. Guests: Danielle Holtby, Joe Carballal

D. Minutes Approval:

1. Matt made a motion: *The minutes from the January 28th, 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.* Melissa seconded it. All were in favor.

E. Correspondence: None

E. Basketball Issue with Rules: Joe Carballal presented to committee some concerns about the rules for the 7th & 8th grades boys and the 5th & 6th grades boys' basketball teams. His suggestions for changes were: 1. Teams shoot 1 in 1 after 5 team fouls and 2 shots after 7 fouls. 2. All fouls in the press period result in the ball being inbounded in the front court. The coaches want to play like real basketball is played using the High School rules especially for the 7th & 8th grade teams. He told us how they were using flagrant fouls that was causing safety issues amongst players on the court. The committee thanked him for coming and said they would talk with the refs and coaches to make sure there are no more safety issues this season. The committee said they would discuss these issues further and get back to them but no changes in rules will be made for the rest of 2015 winter season.

F. Old Business:

Volunteer Event– Sharon and Melissa met with Gabrielle to plan the Volunteer Event. They decided on April 27th Monday night at 6:30 PM at LaCasa Bianca to serve a light buffet. The invitation list would be about 60-70 people. The committee discussed award options including t-shirts. Residents will be asked to submit nominations for coach of the year.

2. Girl Scout Project- The girls scouts found out they cannot raise money so they went to the township committee and asked them for \$3,500.00 for installation. It was decided they could not do this for 1 function and no other functions therefore the township said they were sorry but couldn't help them. For insurance purposes the installation of any equipment must come from the township not an outside firm. Gabrielle suggested they do landscaping around the flag pole at Summer Road Park or a similar project. They have not come back to her with any other ideas yet.

3. Facility Up Date – Gabrielle explained due to the weather the fields will not be open by March 15th as travel soccer scheduled games and were told to postpone home games until at least end of March. It will take 2 full weeks after the last bit of snow is melted to get the fields in shape. Tru-Green will be contracted for vegetation control and fertilization and weed control. DPW will aerate the fields. Gabrielle stated Summer Road Field 2 will be closed for the spring season. Gabrielle will be meeting with John Hunt to discuss a 5 year plan for park improvements. The basketball court at Summer Road will be a priority as it has become a safety issue. It was suggested just to have it repaved until we can get the funds to redo it completely. Melissa was going to ask Renda if he could help out since he originally did the court.

G. New Business:

- 1. Rec Basketball**-The committee discussed Joe Carballal's proposals and decided on the following: The 5th & 6th grade will inbound the ball from half court instead of getting the ball under the basket and the 7th & 8th grade will get to shoot one on one. There will be 15 minutes of playing

time added on next year. Bill will insert these new rules into the set of existing rules and tell the 7th & 8th grade will follow High School rules. He will include a copy of that with the new rules on our basketball website. He will bring them back to committee in March meeting for approval before putting them on website.

2. **Spring Registration-** The spring registration is moving along slowly. With the \$10 off early registration cost the registration increased about one third from last year at that time. Softball, soccer and field hockey have extended their registration dates. There are not many girls signing up for any sport this spring. There are many more opportunities for different activities than has ever been offered before. Tennis and Lacrosse are 2 growing sports in our township right now.

3. **Next Meeting will be March 25th**

H. **Other Business:** Gabrielle reminded everyone about the Wine and Chocolate Pairing in March to sign up as it will be a lot of fun.

- I. **Closing-** Ken made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for February 25th 2015 is adjourned at 9:15 PM.* Bill seconded it. All were in favor.