

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 23, 2015 7:30pm

A. Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

B. Attendance:

- C.** 1. Committee Members: Sharon Bobnar-Becker, Matt Miller, Bill Quinn, Ken Groel, Melissa Adams, Mark Toman, John Hunt
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine
3. Guests: Trevor, Carol and Ryan Hample, Joseph and Liz Duffy, and Aidan Hoeckele

D. Minutes Approval:

1. Ken made a motion: ***The minutes from the February 25th, 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved with a correction under Basketball Issues.*** Bill seconded it. All were in favor.

E. Correspondence: Presentation by BMX Club.

The BMX club gave a presentation to the Readington Rec Committee about the club. The club is organized and run by volunteers. They maintain a facility behind the Hunterdon County Library and organize races. They invited Readington Twp. youth to come and participate in a day of BMX riding for only \$1.00 (to cover insurance) and enjoy free refreshments. The Recreation Committee suggested the invitation be for June 23rd and invite everyone to bring a bike and they would supply helmets. Recreation would put it in their newsletter and website. The club will provide details for advertising.

F. Old Business

- 1. Facility Update-**Gabrielle said the fields will open April 11th and hopefully they will be dry. Melissa questioned if travel soccer and lacrosse could use the High School turf field on Sundays. Ken was going to ask the High School if we could use it on Sundays. Gabrielle said the playground inspection went well and we did not need as much mulch this year. She said the playground equipment passed but she is getting a new design for Pickell Park from Little Tikes, as we can no longer buy parts for that equipment. Gabrielle met with a field consultant to see how we could reasonably improve our fields. He told her Summer Road Field #5 could be fixed without tearing it apart. He can help with top dressing. The softball fields need to cut a lip at end of season and get better infield mix with less sand. They need twice as much infield mix as they have now. Fields should be leveled at end of season. Scott Bills recommended an attachment for the tractor so it can level fields and drag them smoothly. Scott (inspector) suggested a certified field association train DPW on how to do fields beginning and end of each season. The biggest concern now is the basketball courts at Summer Road as the winter has made the cracks worse. Gabrielle put into the township a proposal for a post tension concrete base to fix the court in the capital budget. The company said the premiere surface used on the tennis courts would not work because the base that is there is not level or solid enough to go over it. Gabrielle and John discussed a 5 year plan and she gave us a spread sheet they started with ideas and will discuss it more at next meeting.
- 2. Rec Basketball Rules Update-**Bill emailed everyone a copy of the High School rules and our 7-8 grade rules. The time will be 90 minutes now and they will have full court press in final 4 minutes. There will be no team fouls for first half all fouls for second half must be recorded. The mid court rule will follow high school rules. Bill will update the rules including a change about mid court and opposing court for 5th & 6th grade and bring them to April meeting for a vote. They will go into effect for the 2015-2016 season.
- 3. Volunteer Event-** The date is May 4th at La Casa Bianca with 60-70 people invited. Gabrielle is ordering the T-shirts with the logo on the pocket. The invitations will be going out this week after final changes are made. They will be 2 sided post cards. The committees looked over the votes for coaches from the parents and choose 2 Travel Coaches and 2 rec coaches. They also voted on

lifetime achievement awards. Melissa is ordering trophies. Gabrielle is working with Chef Paul on menu.

G. New Business:

1. **Travel Soccer Update-** Gabrielle reported they were playing games elsewhere because our fields are not open. She said they were getting ready for tryouts. She will talk more about them at the next meeting.
2. **Spring Registration-** Gabrielle reported registration is going great and there are a lot of activities scheduled for the spring.
3. **Next Meeting will be April 22, 2015**

H. Other Business: Sharon reported the Wine and Chocolate Pairing was a big success and it was sold out.

- I. Closing-** Mark made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for March 23rd 2015 is adjourned at 9:30 PM.* Bill seconded it. All were in favor.