

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 27, 2015 7:30pm

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

B. Attendance:

- C.** 1. Committee Members: Sharon Bobnar-Becker, Matt Miller, Bill Quinn,
Ken Groel, Mark Toman, John Hunt
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine
3. Guest: Jaclyn Villa

D. Minutes Approval:

1. Mark made a motion: *The minutes from the April 22nd 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.* John seconded it. All were in favor.

E. Correspondence: None

F. Old Business

1. **Volunteer Event-May 4th** was at La Casa Bianca in Whitehouse with about 50-60 attending. Gabrielle reported she received many emails of thank you and they were especially pleased that Greta Kenney was invited. She passed on the emails to the committee. Committee members said they also heard many positive comments from people that came. Chef Paul did a great job and everyone should encourage people to support him as he supports us. Mark suggested Gabrielle send a reminder to wear our shirts just before the event next year. All were in total agreement to make this an annual event.
2. **Memorial Day Parade-** Gabrielle thanked Sharon and her husband, Mark, John, Jaclyn, and Patti for helping with the parade. It was a great success and gave away almost 1400 hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Rita gave away 600 Italian ices in 1 hour. Tom was commended on a very well run parade. It was suggested that the parade committee make up some specifications for floats that enter the parade.
3. **Rec Basketball Rules Update-**Bill will email everyone a copy of our 7-8 grade rules to read the changes he made for the committee to accept these new updated rules for 2015-2016 season. The rule changes were not available for this meeting.
4. **Facility Update-** Gabrielle reported mulch in done in all parks. Cornhuskers Park is going to be cleaned up by DPW by removing all the piles of debris. This will enable us to enlarge the parking lot. She showed us plans to remodel the park by converting the baseball fields into lacrosse and flag football fields. It would entail moving the playground and upgrading the field hockey fields. She would like to do this through a Green Acres grant/loan (interest free).

G. New Business:

1. **Summer Registration-** Summer registration is going well. Summer camp now (compared to last year) has 20 more enrolled which puts us over 200 so far. Patti reported the trip sign up was crowded and some trips are already full. There will be another sign up on June 3rd.
2. **Online Registration-** Ken and Sharon met with Gabrielle to look over companies to do online registration. They had a meeting with a representative from Vermont Systems. Gabrielle presented information from Vermont Company and an itemized expense bill. Vermont Systems with Rec Tack will work with quick books and will schedule fields and gyms. They will host the programs for us and there will be 2 modular and 3 websites. We can increase what we want at any time. Many questions arose about this program such as future expansion and at what cost, what is the annual increase, is this old program and will it become obsolete soon. Bill had questions about the program and is willing to call the company and speak to a representative in hopes to get more answers for us at the next meeting. One of the biggest concerns was the price. Gabrielle says we can get a zero per cent payment plan and some of the expense can be absorbed in the registration fees. This will be further discussed at our June meeting.

3. Next Meeting will be June 24th 2015

- **H. Other business**

1. **Jaclyn Villa**-Gabrielle introduced Jaclyn. She is a senior at Kean College and will be interning with us until September. She needs to do 400 hours of recreation work. She is going to volunteer in office in the afternoons and be employed to work snack stand and afternoons at summer camp.

- 2. **Jim Rohl Awards at HCRHS**- Bill and Gabrielle attended the awards and gave out the Jim Rohl awards to our recipients on May 21st. 2015. They commented on the number awards/scholarships were given out. Our recipients were: Patrick Quinn, Jamie Gentile, Riley Coopersmith, Kathleen Jaeger and Taylor Barrett

I. Closing- Mark made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for May 27th is adjourned at 10:05 PM.* Ken seconded it. All were in favor.