

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 28, 2015 7:30pm

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

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Members: Melissa Adams, Matt Miller, Ken Groel, John Hunt, Sharon Bobnar-Becker
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine

C. Minutes Approval:

1. Ken made a motion: *The minutes from the September 15th 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.* Matt seconded it. All were in favor.

D. Old Business

1. Online Registration –Gabrielle reported the subcommittee was working on the front page. with putting tabs across the top and a list still on the upper left side. It would have on seasonal logo with seasonal photos. The goal is to make front page an easy way to find out what is going on. A revised version will be brought to the committee in December for their input.

2. Facility Update–Gabrielle mentioned that the fields will be closing down for season soon and H1 will be closed until at least Fall 2016. This fall infield mix was purchased for 2 fields at Hillcrest and Summer Road. Additional infield mix will be purchased for the softball fields this spring.

3. Five Year Plan– The Recreation Director and John Hunt presented a draft of the 5 five Year Plan. Annual priorities were discussed, all were in agreement the basketball courts at Summer Road must be number #1 project for safety issues for 2016. Purchase of a new mower that would save many man hours was discussed. The committee discussed the need for softball/baseball fields maintenance on an annual basis. Also a big concern is the playground equipment at Pickel Park for which replacement parts can no longer be purchased. The playground needs to be scheduled for replacement before it has to be shut down because of maintenance issues. The Recreation Director will revise the plan and present it to the Township Committee and to the Township Administrator.

E. New Business:

1. Memorial Trees/Benches–In the past people have called wanting to donate a memorial tree or bench to the township, but there has never been a policy with guidelines how to do this. The Recreation Director suggested to the committee that it would be desirable to put a policy in place for memorial tree/bench donations. A copy of Bernard's Township policy was given to committee members as a good example. The committee agreed that it would be good to have an official policy for memorial tree/bench donations. The Recreation Director will work on a draft policy to bring to the committee for review.

2. Frightfest– The annual soccer tournament was a complete success and there were 63 teams. They made about \$8,660.00. The committee agreed to take no money to cover facility expenses this year, but that next year travel soccer will have to pay for the facility expenses. Travel soccer requested additional space for next year for tournament expansion, but the Recreation Director explained it upsets all our other fall programs for that weekend which is not really fair. The only way to provide additional space would be for travel soccer to change the tournament date to before or after fall rec sports season.

3. Winter Brochure–The brochure was handed out at the meeting. Brochures are now available online or in front of the Recreation office.

4. Next meeting December 2nd

F. Other Business – Ken brought up the concern that travel soccer was moving the lacrosse nets

and using them and not taking care of them. They have their own nets. The Recreation Director will address it with the travel soccer coaches.

H. Closing- John made a motion: ***Readington Recreation meeting for October 28th, 2015 is adjourned at 9:15 PM.*** Melissa seconded it. All were in favor.