

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2nd, 2015 7:30pm

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

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Members: Melissa Adams, Matt Miller, Ken Groel, John Hunt, Mark Toman
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine

C. Minutes Approval:

1. John made a motion: ***The minutes from the October 28th 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.*** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.

D. Old Business

1. Facility Update-Gabrielle mentioned that the fields are closed and water turned off. Hillcrest Field 1 will be closed until at least Fall 2016. DPW did seeded and blanketed Summer Rd. Gabrielle has ordered 6 more covers, if they come in quickly we will be able to use this year.

2. Online Registration –Gabrielle showed a presentation on how recreation website will look when completed. The committee gave their feedback as she went along. Some suggestions were:

1. Investigate if there is a way to use google calendar.
 2. Have coach's information in coach's corner.
 2. Feature special events in a separate part.
 3. Change children to youth sports or youth classes.
 4. Must still reserve facilities through office.
- There will be a face book page set up to post things on it but no one will be able to post on it.

3. Memorial Benches- Gabrielle researched the price of benches and showed committee brochure with bench options. She estimated the cost to be about \$800.00 a bench that will pay for everything. Benches are made of many different materials and some have arms and some don't. John offered to look into polyresin benches that would last forever. The plaques would say "In loving memory of Name". The policy should be written up to say they can say where they would like to put their donated bench, but recreation will make the final decision on location.

E. New Business:

1. Baseball at Cornhuskers and Pickel Park- Gabrielle discussed the need to charge a fee per player to baseball to cover the cost of maintaining the fields. All the fees collected will go to keeping the fields prepared for games. Recreation could hire a contractor to prep the fields in early spring and then DPW will regularly maintain the fields each week for games. There are about 400 in baseball and about 100 of them are Tewksbury residents. Baseball would be responsible for contacting DPW with a game schedule. After some discussion a John made a motion: **Readington Recreation will charge all baseball players \$25.00 to play baseball on Readington Recreation fields. The money will be used to maintain the fields all the time. The Readington Baseball league will have full use the concession stand at Cornhuskers Park.** Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor. Gabrielle will contact President of Baseball with the decision.

2. Rec Basketball- Registration is complete except for second grade and girls grades 6th-8th. They have been extended to December 20th. Patti gave out teams to grades 3rd & 4th boys and 3rd – 5th girls. The 5th to-8th grade boys were done by directors. Uniforms have been ordered and basketballs were given out. Team practices have begun.

3. Holiday Tournament-Melissa reported there have 80 teams so far and still have 2 weeks to go to register. Matt Miller is doing the scheduling again this year. She said they were hoping to start on December 26th around noon instead of 8:00am depending on how many total teams they have.

4. Lacrosse- Ken reported they are struggling with numbers and would like more advertisement done such as little flags made up and put out, article in Readington news, newsletters, blast, etc. He suggested we have an incentive to get more coaches to volunteer as it is getting harder to get coaches. After some discussion it was decided it would be too expensive to do that.

5. Committee Dinner January 6th - Everyone agreed on this date for committee dinner to start at 6:30 at La Casa Bianca's.

6. Next Meeting January 27th, 2016

F. Closing- Mark made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for December 2nd, 2015 is adjourned at 9:45 PM.* Melissa seconded it. All were in favor.