

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 23rd, 2016 7:30pm

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

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Members: Bill Quinn, John Hunt, Mark Toman, Sharon Bobnar-Becker , Ken Groel, Melissa Adams, Matt Miller
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine. Betty Ann Forte

C. Minutes Approval:

1. Mark made a motion: ***The minutes from the December 2nd, 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.*** John seconded it.
2. Mark made a motion: ***The minutes from the January 27th, 2016 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.*** John seconded it.

D. Old Business

1. Online Registration-Gabrielle reported it is working well. There were a few issues in it with technology glitches which have now been corrected. The site is not complete and will be updated throughout the year. To date the site has processed \$17,000.00 since it opened.

2. Facility Update. Improvements to all the ball fields at Summer Road, Hillcrest Park, Pickell Park, and East Whitehouse Park have been scheduled for spring. Work will include edging, laser grade, infield mix, top dressing, etc. and will cost each field about \$3,041.67 per field. Gabrielle will get a quote on Cornhuskers Park in the next week as it is a baseball field not softball and needs the mounds to be completely redone.

3. Baseball-Gabrielle, Betty Ann, Sharon and and the Readington-Tewksbury baseball leaders met and discussed Readington Junior Baseball fees for field use. After reviewing a breakdown of the \$25.00 per player fee and it was decided RJB would only have to pay \$20.00 per player because Readington Recreation does not do any marketing for them. The committee discussed several options and has decided to offer baseball 2 options-flat fee or fee per player. John made a motion: **Readington Recreation will charge baseball a fee of \$3,500 for the 2016 year with the understanding that in 2017 they will charged \$20.00 per player or \$7,000.** Bill seconded it. All were in favor. Gabrielle will organize a meeting with baseball to include Vita, Betty Ann, Gabrielle, and Sharon to present to them the committee's decision. It will be discussed that RJB cannot control the maintenance of the fields.

4. Dog Park: Gabrielle and Betty Ann met with Marsha about Readington Recreation taking over the dog park. They presented to the committee dog park rules. It was decided they would register online and cost \$20.00 for first dog and \$10.00 for second dog. Last year there were about 60 members. They agreed to have a subcommittee to run it on the premises and the members will clean up twice a year. They may do a fund raiser to help improve the park. Recreation will work with them on planning events and DPW will maintain the park. Mark made a motion: **Readington Recreation will take over the Dog Park at Hillcrest Park with a subcommittee of dog owners and accept the dog park rules.** Matt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

E. New Business:

1. Travel Sports: Gabrielle discussed some of the travel teams are in need of players to fill their teams and our rule have been only 3 out of town players per team with a few exceptions. The exceptions have been increasing with every sport. She proposed the committee change the policy to have 60% Readington Players and 40% out of towners on a team. Melissa made a motion: **Readington Recreation travel teams for all sports can take in 40% out of town qualified travel players after all qualified Readington players have been put on the team. All Readington travel teams must have 60% qualified Readington Travel players on the team to have a travel team.** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.

2. NJRPA Conference-2015 Marketing Award: Readington Recreation received the 2015 Marketing Award for best Marketing Campaign. They include newsletters, brochure, our new logo, website advertising, etc. Gabrielle will be going to Atlantic City on February 28th to receive the award.

3. Save the Date-Volunteer Dinner Monday May 2nd, 2016: Gabrielle reminded us of date and to think about nominations. It will be held at La Casa Bianca. If not held there the suggestion was Readington Firehouse with Sorella's catering it.

4. Next meeting March 23rd, 2016.

F. Other Business - Question was asked about Memorial Day Parade. Betty Ann asked Tom Auriemma to do it again and she is waiting for a response from him.

G. Closing- Ken made a motion: ***Readington Recreation meeting for February 23rd is adjourned at 9:30 PM.*** Mark seconded it. All were in favor.