

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 23RD, 2016 7:30 PM

- A. Sharon Bobnar-Becker called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.**
- B. Attendance:**
1. Committee Members: Bill Quinn, John Hunt, Mark Toman, 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 February 23rd, 2016 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.* John seconded it.
- D. Old Business**
- 1. Online Registration-**The Recreation Director reported that online registration is working well, but So far has not increased earlier registration for programs. The office is still receiving a few Registrations with checks or cash. The office personal is walking anyone through the online registrations process if they need help. Currently the department is working on getting the sports registration section up and running. Offering online registration is more work for the staff, but should get better as everyone gets used to it and software updates are made.
 - 2. Facility update-** Gabrielle reported Tru-Green has made their first application to all the parks. There was a playground inspection done at all parks and all playgrounds were good except Hillcrest and Cushtenk needs more mulch.
 - 3. Baseball-**Gabrielle passed around a letter from Scott Bills a certified sports field consultant about Cornhuskers ball fields. He gave us an estimate to totally renovate each infield \$11,000.00 which means total material would be about \$7,000.00 per field. At this time Bill sent Gabrielle a letter Stating they would spend \$3,500.00 this year to make the fields playable. Mike Santo will do the work but DPW will maintain them during the season. At the end of season Bill said we will meet and negotiate for next year. After some committee discussion it was decided that the Recreation Director will write a letter to the baseball league telling them their cost starting next season. This year was as 1 year deal because they already took registration money and their budget was already made.
 - 4. Dog Park-**Gabrielle is waiting for the registration form and rules to be approved by the township lawyer before opening registration. The Dog Park Committee is looking at possible dates for a Grand-Re-Opening. DPW will be responsible for mowing the park. The fee is now set at \$20.00 per dog annually.
- E. New Business:**
- 1. Memorial Day Parade-**The Mayor announced there will be a Memorial Day Parade and she is trying to put it all together. Restrooms and grills have been reserved. Patti will send the letters out for donations in April. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 30th, 2016 at 10:00 am starting at the Kings shopping center. The Mayor is hoping all the volunteers from last year will come forward to help again.
 - 2. 5th/6th Recreation Basketball Rules-** Patti got feedback from the director, coaches and even refs about changing the 5th/6th grade rules to the same rules that the 7th/8th grades use. Bill will revise the rules and bring them to next meeting.
 - 3. Save the Date-Volunteer Dinner Monday May 2nd, 2016:** Gabrielle reminded us of date and to think about nominations. It will not be held at La Casa Bianca as they have closed down. Gabrielle will call fire houses and see if we can use their facility and have Sorella's cater it. There was a discussion on nominations and Gabrielle told us what she got in so far. Melissa will get the plaques ordered for the awards.
 - 4. Next meeting April 27th, 2016.**
- F. Closing-** Mark made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for February 23rd is adjourned at 8:45 PM.* Matt seconded it. All were in favor.

