

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 27th, 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, Melissa Adams, Matt Miller
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine.

C. Minutes Approval:

1. Mark made a motion: ***The minutes from the March 23rd, 2016 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.*** John seconded it.

Correspondence: Recreation received a phone call about putting back up the basketball nets at Summer Road Park. There was a discussion on the concern of the safety of the basketball courts and how they need to be completely redone. Gabrielle got an updated contract quote and presented it to the Township Committee to go into capital budget for 2016-2017. It will cost \$122,000. At this time Gabrielle does not know if the Township budget has been approved but she will look into it. The committee decided that recreation will give the Township Committee an updated 5 year capital plan highlighting the upcoming year's needs every December.

E. Old Business

1. **Facility Update**-Gabrielle reported the softball fields were being renovated; Hillcrest and Pickell Parks are completed, and Summer Road will be next. The contractor will be taking the grass off the infield along first and third baseline and putting infield mix there. The contractor will give us a 2 year plan for Cornhuskers to give to baseball in the next 2 weeks.
2. **Dog Park**-Gabrielle reported the grand opening of the dog park went very well and there were about 100 people with over 30 dogs. The Readington Police brought their K-9 dog and did a great demonstration.
3. **Rec Basketball Rule Changes**- Bill presented committee with the rule changes that are to be made for 5th & 6th grade recreation basketball. Mark made a motion: **The Readington Recreation committee accepts these changes in the 5th & 6th recreation basketball rules and they will become effective in the 2016-2017 basketball season.** Melissa seconded it. All were in favor. Bill will type them up in the rules and send Patti a copy and put them up on the website.
4. **Volunteer Event-May 2nd** - Gabrielle reported there have been 59 confirmations received and plans are going well. Sorella's will cater the event and Gabrielle ordered dessert for dessert from Kings. It will be held at Readington Fire Company. It begins at 6:30 PM. Gabrielle asked several people to give out the awards. Sorella's will have an employee helping out and we have hired 3 kids to help with serving and clean up.

E. New Business:

1. **Smoking in the Park**- After some discussion about the no smoking in parks there was a question on how do we uphold the law if it is made. It was decided it would be a big help to all the parks by putting signs up in each and every recreation facility. Melissa made a motion: **Readington Recreation write a letter of recommendation to the Readington Board of Health to pass a smoke free ordinance to all Readington Recreation facilities.** Matt seconded it. All were in favor. Gabrielle will write the recommendation to the Readington Board of Health.
2. **Jim Rohl Scholarship Awards**- **The committee went over all the applicants and decided on 3 applicants to receive a \$500.00 Jim Rohl Scholarship. Gabrielle and Ken will present these to the recipients.**

4. Next meeting May 25th, 2016.

F. Closing- Mark made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for April 27th is adjourned at 9:05PM.* John seconded it. All were in favor.