

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 22nd, 2016 7:30pm

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

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Members: John Hunt, Mark Toman, Ken Groel , Sharon Bobnar-Becker
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine.
3. Guests: Jim Herzog, Maureen Wyckoff, Tim Jaeger, Janet Tolley

C. Minutes Approval:

1. There were not enough members to vote.

D. Correspondence – Received a thank you letter from Allison Brembt and Robbie Groel for their recreation scholarships.

E. Presentations:

1. Jim Herzog came to discuss decreasing numbers in travel Basketball. He has coached for 6 years travel boys basketball team and will be 7th grade boys coach for 2016-2017 season. He is concerned about not having enough players on all travel teams without going to outside players. He discussed the ins and outs of joining other townships. The committee agreed to discuss these ideas when Melissa can give us her impute on travel basketball at the next meeting.
2. Maureen Wyckoff did a presentation on decreasing numbers in travel soccer and to start new programs to entice more travel players. Her presentation included combining recreation soccer with travel and incorporating a soccer development plan for very young players. There was a discussion about travel and recreation soccer and the committee would further discuss it.

E. Old Business

1. Facility Update-The softball fields look great. The softball umpires and coaches have made positive remarks about the good condition they are and how fast now they dry after rain. Baseball did not like the top dressing as they said it was not good for sliding. It is the same surface used by all.

The fields get a grub application/treatment usually in June but not this year.

Hillcrest Park soil test came out ok and the fields are shaping up nicely. The guys put sod in before they covered the fields.

Cornhuskers estimate from Advanced Athletic Services came with a threshold or \$40,000 for all the fields. Cornhuskers have 2 costs: 1 put in permanent mound and other is portable mound (which is what most parks use. The committee said the portable mounds would work and the fee to maintain both fields at Cornhuskers would be \$7,000.00 (includes both fields). The question is “Do we need it for other sports?”

E. New Business:

1. **Summer Rec**-Patti reported all was going great. Lots of kids and many daily activities planned. Gabrielle reported August summer camps were coming in real slow but they always do.

2. **Sports Instruction Bid**- Recreation has been success with all our programs that we need to now bid over our threshold Gabrielle is trying to get a range-not to exceed bid. They said we need a fee ordinance for all our programs. She explained it is hard to forecast cost of any sport that far ahead. Travel teams will have to pay their own trainers/referees which they do not want to do.

3. **Next meeting August 24th, 2016.** No meeting in July.

F. Closing- Mark made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for June 22nd is adjourned at 10.35 PM.* John seconded it. All were in favor.

