

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 4, 2008

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 6, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Rob Faber, present; Jim Bell, present; Al Morrone, present; Mike Turner, absent; Fiore Masci, absent; Gary Dorfman, present; Bill Hanson, present; Bob Brown, present.

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

C/Bell opened the meeting to the public at 8:03 PM

Brendan Skeeahan (19 Gravatt Circle, Clarksburg, NJ 08510) an eagle scout attended meeting with a request for a required signature from Chairman Bell for his proposed project at Brandywine soccer fields. The document was signed and Brendan advised he will start his landscaping project in the spring. C/Bell requested a copy of the document be sent to Recreation Secretary.

C/Bell closed the meeting to the public at 8:05 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Background Check**

A discussion took place in regards to the new scan fingerprinting involving NJ state police for volunteers/coaches. Rec Secretary advised of a new procedure which requires a form to be completed on-line website, an appointment must be made with a credit card payment to be fingerprinted at participation police departments. Further discussion took place in regards to how long background checks are valid for. Pop Warner and Little League organizations require background checks to be done yearly. Recreation requires the background checks done once. It was discussed background checks should be done every three years for Rec sports.

- **New Program: Flag Football**

No report, C/Masci not in attendance

- **Speed and Agility program**

No report, C/Tuner not in attendance

- **Teen Night**
C/Bell requested a volunteer for February: Commissioners requested an email sent from Rec Secretary with the needed dates for volunteers and they will advise with their availability.
- **Lacrosse**
C/Bell advised the program is concerned in regards to the availability of gym time in March. Once Rec Basketball ends on March 8, all requested times will be available for their practice. It was also discussed there would not be a wait list for divisions.
- **Basketball**
C/Brown discussed this year's basketball season, he went on to say some players don't always show for practice making it difficult for the children who do attend practice. He advises having a couple of nights with an open practice where players can practice with others. He also stated a coach's clinic would be beneficial to some volunteer's coaches who would like to learn more in regards to coaching. C/Faber stated he feels a grid sheet for coaches to rotate players in and out of games is needed. He also commented when registrations forms are being completed, the height listing of the player needs to be accurate. C/Brown suggested uploading a master schedule on our website with game and practice times. Recreation secretary will forward the evaluation sheet to rec commissioners for review of any needed changes or additions.
- **Wrestling update**
Discussion took place about the wrestling mats and where they are stored and how they are cleaned. C/Dorfman stated the mats are clean after each match with bleach and the coaches use the up most care in maintaining and disinfecting the mats and equipment.
- **Football/Cheerleading update**
No report, C/Masci not in attendance
- **Abate Park update**
Nothing to report at this time.
- **Wagner Farm Park update**
Nothing to report at this time.
- **Brandywine Soccer Fields update**
C/Faber inquired if the re-configuration of the soccer fields is going to take place. C/Kinsey advised the traveling soccer program had mentioned they would take care of that task, but has not happened.
- **Instructional Soccer**
Recreation Secretary advised Maestro Soccer Academy instructors, which is the same company that ran the spring soccer program last year, will run the program again this year.

- **Summer Rec**
Rec Secretary stated Camp Director G. Conk has started to book day trips. Facility request for the primary school was submitted to the Board of Education, it was also requested by the camp director if the Elementary School gym could be available to the camp. C/Faber suggested using Millstone Twp. teenage children as counselors this year. A discussion took place in regards to utilizing the gym at the Elementary school for camp.
- **Adult Soccer/Volleyball**
Recreation Secretary advised 17 registrations were received for soccer and 13 registrations were received for volleyball.
- **Ski Trips**
Recreation Secretary advised she contacted Mona Cholowinski of the Manalapan Recreation Dept. and inquired if they are sponsoring any ski trips that Millstone Twp. residents could get involved with, she stated they attempted to work in conjunction with Marlboro for 2 seasons but cancelled most trips for low participation. Rec Secretary also contacted Freehold Rec Dept and was advised they ran two trips in early January and were done for the season.
- A discussion took place in regards to the Rec Committee recognizing volunteer's contributions to Recreation programs. Naming fields after the volunteer/coach was suggested.
- **Approval of the January 7, 2008 Minutes**
Motion to approve: C/Faber **Seconded:** C/Bell

Motion to approve: Rob Faber, Aye; Jim Bell, Aye; Al Morrone, Aye; Mike Turner, absent; Fiore Masci, absent; Gary Dorfman, Aye; Bill Hanson, Aye; Bob Brown, Aye

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Bell, Seconded C/Hanson, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

cc: Township Committee
Jim Pickering
Maria Dellasala