

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

March 3, 2008

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:05 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.

Oath of Office administered to new recreation Commissioner, Dominick Ricci by Deputy Mayor Bob Kinsey.

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

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

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AGENDA ITEMS:

• **Background Check**

A discussion took place in regards to the large turnout for the recent fingerprinting session that the Recreation Dept held at the community center. It was stated by the recreation secretary, this session would be the last one as the state of NJ will implement the computer scanning of fingerprints going forward. The new cost of a background check will be \$26.25. A discussion took place concerning how we will handle the procedure and cost. It was suggested having a scan machine brought into town once a year at a substantial cost. C/Masci advised he will contact the Pop Warner organization and inquire if they recommend a specific agency for their background checks. Further discussion table until next month.

• **Speed and Agility program**

C/Turner stated the program roster consist of 76 registrants, approximately 55 to 60 participant each Saturday and Sunday. An hour of speed and agility skills are taught and an hour of free time. Roster Consist of boys and girls Ages 6-14 years old. The optional Tuesday session consist of approximately 10-12 participants.

- **Teen Night**
3/7/08 C/Hanson, 3/14/08 C/Brown, 4/4/08 C/Masci.
- **Lacrosse update**
Rec Secretary advised enrollment to date is approximately the same as last year. The program director Matt Deiner has requested the use of Abate Park for practice. The middle school Lacrosse has requested the use of Wagner Farm Park for their program. A discussion took place in regards to the wear that would take place on the fields at Wagner Farm Park and the need to allow the fields to rest as long as possible and establish themselves by less usage. The Brandywine Soccer Facility was suggested as an alternative since the school played soccer there last fall and it seemed to work out well for them. It was requested that the school program contact Jim Pickering and work out the details and supply the necessary paperwork.
- **Basketball update**
Trophies are ready for pick up at the rec office. C/Faber advised to send an email to coaches advising same. C/Brown advised a request on the evaluation form, when rating a player to base their skills on the overall participants and not just their respective team members. He advised he discussed with parents the program and any concerns. He went on to say we need to start getting parents more involved with the board and coaching for next season.
- Bob Kinsey discussed a possible significant increase of facility use fees by the Board of Education.
- **Instructional Soccer**
Jim Buchanan of Maestro Soccer Academy, in attendance, has presented the commission with a proposal for a summer soccer camp that would consist of a week of training of various soccer skills in the morning and an introduction to a range of British sports in the afternoon. He proposed a date in July, but it was suggested by the commission, a week between school ending and the start of summer rec would be a better option. June 23 - 27. C/Faber inquired with our spring program, can Maestro Soccer have a coaches clinic prior to the start of the season. Coaches are needed and training of volunteers may increase the participation of parents. C/Bell volunteered to contact Maestro Soccer for canceling of games due to inclement weather during the soccer season.

Nick Stephan and Bryan Walkley of the Millstone united travel soccer program, present, discussed they will be maintaining the soccer fields at Brandywine again this year. Their organization will hang the nets in the spring and line the fields during the season. They went on to say they will help assist with any issues rec soccer has in regards to increasing enrollment. A discussion took place in regards to some modifications that will be done to the shed at the Brandywine Soccer Fields by C/Bell. Also discussed was a need for a secure placement of AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) somewhere on the fields.
- **Wrestling update**
C/Turner advised season was a success with 55 total participants. The season ends this week and trophies will be giving out by the coaches.

- **Football/Cheerleading update**

C/Masci informed the commission he was voted onto the Central Jersey Pop Warner Board. He went on to say the Pop Warner organization has advised if Allentown is unable to field a division, they need to be allowed to participate on a Millstone Twp. team. C/Masci inquired if there would be any protocols that are needed to allow this. He also discussed the football camp to be held June 23-26 and hopes to double the enrollment from last years 62 participants. Registration has begun for the upcoming season, with March and April having the largest enrollment.

- **Wagner Farm Park update**

C/Bell advised during the basketball games, kids are playing on the cheerleading mats, knocking them down which can be dangerous and advised they need to be secured. A brief discussion took place in regards to the bathrooms locking from the inside. Discussion tabled until June.

- **Brandywine Soccer Fields update**

Previously discussed

- **Summer Rec**

Nothing to report at this time

- **Approval of the February 4, 2008 Minutes**

Motion to approve: C/Faber **Seconded:** C/Brown

Motion to approve: Jim Bell, aye; Rob Faber, aye; Al Morrone, aye; Mike Turner, abstain; Fiore Masci, abstain; Gary Dorfman, not present; Bill Hanson, aye; Bob Brown, aye; Dominick Ricci, abstain

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

cc: Township Committee
Jim Pickering
Maria Dellasala