

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 24, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

This meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. In attendance were: Tom Badcock, Director; Lisa Valsera, Assistant Director; Jack Coccoziello (7:38 pm); Isaac Crosson, Vice Chairman; George Gough, Denis Kilduff, Chairman; Ash Patel, Nick Rojewski, Frank Santoro, Justin Smigelsky, Tony Tannucilli, Robert Thompson, Councilmen Brian Cahill and Alan Rosencranz; and Councilwoman Mary Sohor. Carol Norberg was present and took the minutes. Absent from this meeting were: Joe Dunn and Richard McGee.

Tom welcomed returning member George Gough and new members Nicholas Rojewski and Robert Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 2016 meeting were approved.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

The nomination and vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman was held. Denis Kilduff was nominated and voted in as the Chairman. Isaac Crosson was nominated and voted in as Vice Chairman.

RECREATION/CAMP ROBIN UPDATE:

Lisa and Tom explained that no registrations occurred for the Devils game being offered. Discussion followed about how it was advertised and other ideas for trips. Spring registration is ongoing for Recreation and Camp Robin programs. At the Arena, ice skating lessons are in session and the ice show will be soon. Camp Robin did really well at the Special Olympics and they were honored at the last Council meeting. Lisa is now accepting permit field applications.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Tom told the Board that the Township Administration is holding capital budget meetings and Recreation's requests had been discussed, only two will be going to council for funding. They are (1) \$35,000 reinstallation of the handball backboards at Sandburg and High School and (2) \$30,000 for restoring the Bathrooms at Upper Geick Park. The Recreation Advisory Board can lobby Council for projects they'd like to see in addition to these two items.

Bobby Thompson asked about status of the recreation building in Cliffwood Beach which was destroyed during Hurricane Sandy. Tom said it will be knocked down.

Dennis Kilduff asked what can be done to push the golf course along so it will be able to make money to fund other projects. Discussion followed.

Alan Rosencranz and Mary Sohor proposed a survey be taken that residents can indicate which projects are important to them. It would have to be determined if Council is interested in doing this survey.

Jack Coccoziello proposed private sponsors be used for Mannino Park to fund the project . The possibility of the town losing control over projects if private sponsors were used was discussed. Also discussed was the traffic issue on Rt. 516 with the development of this park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Player award recipient was discussed by Denis Kilduff and Brian Cahill and suggested that it possibly be presented at a May or June Council meeting.

Ash Patel told the board that the storage trailer at Pension Rd. Park by the cricket fields has been vandalized again and also the astroturf has been sliced. This hasn't been the first time. Police have been alerted. Brian Cahill asked Ash to send him an email about the incident and he can refer issue to the police chief.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

APPROVED