

Minutes of the Borough of North Plainfield, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date: May 17 , 2011

Overview

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Distributed to:

All recreation members and copy to Municipal Clerk (Richard Phoenix, RMC)

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Statement of Compliance:

This meeting is held in compliance with NJSA .10:4-6 etc. St. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspaper of the borough, the Courier News, on or about **Dec 28th 2010** and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building reserved for such purpose.

In attendance:

√	Chris Tarver	√	Dennis Passe	√	Van Dickerson
√	Angelo Costello	√	Thomas Allen	√	Ms. Kimberly Carter
√	Ms. Elizabeth Brumbaugh	√	Doug Spontak	√	Mark Tighe
√	Ms. Joanne Pierre	√	Ms. Tammy Guevara	√	Derek Haley

Open Session

1. Commission Chairman Van Dickerson opened the meeting, and opened the public session. There were no members of the public present. Chairman Dickerson closed the open portion of the meeting.

Closed Session

Chairman Dickerson indicated that the Halloween Activities committee has requested the recreation commission take over the Scare Fest weekend at the Vermeule Center. Responsibilities would include setting up the facilities and participating in the event. Recreation presently runs the Halloween Parade and this would be an added activity in October. The Project Graduation committee has expressed interest in taking over the Scare Fest and after some discussion it was agreed that the recreation commission staff could not properly staff the event and that Project Graduation would be better equipped to oversee the Scare Fest

Director's Report *Director Tarver presented his report to the commission*

2. Summer/Playground Camps

Chris and Ms. Q. updated the commission on the summer camp. Budget for the summer camp is \$120,000. Anticipated expenses are for \$115,000. We will be offering before and aftercare pick-up at a additional fee Our registration fee is \$210.00 for 7weeks

- PK –K is offered between 9 am to 3 pm daily at the Stony Brook School to children 5 years old up to December 31,2011
- Grades 1-4 ages 6-7 will be located at the community center between 9am to 3PM
- Grades 5-8 at the middle school 9am – 3pm daily
- The summer playgrounds program will be offered at East and West End schools from 9 am to 12 pm only.
- Arrangements for early drop-off and late pick up has been resolved for a additional fee children can be drop-off at 8:00 am and arrangements can be made for after care from 3:00 to 6:00PM
- In was agreed that a 10 % discount would be given to families with multiple children
- CIT program is open for children 13 years old.

- As of this meeting 36 children had signed up for summer camp and we are expecting a large turnout at the next registration
- Weekly trips are available for the children. Trips range in cost between \$10-\$30 Dollars. During trip days children will have a minimum of 4 sign in sheets as counselors need to keep accurate counts of the children going on the trips and their locations.
- Ms. Q. has arranged for a partnership with the library where children can attend the classes for child development as well as reading.

Ms. Q. indicated that councilors will be working a maximum of 6 hours

Chris reviewed fees for Summer Camp programs and other communities.

South Orange \$700 hours 9-1

Bedminster \$300 hours 9-12

Middlesex \$125 hours 9-12

Manalapan \$590 hours 9-5

3. **Facebook Page**

Chris has completed the Facebook page. Page has been operational since April 1, 2011, and is being used to notify the public of baseball rain outs and any recreation announcements.

4. **Fishing Derby**

Held on April 30 was a huge success. Very good feedback from parents, over 40 fish was caught at all age categories.

5. **Baseball**

- a. Baseball season is well under way and operationally going well, but we have had numerous rainout and Mr. Passe and the league coordinators are working with the coaches to make up the dates

6. Recreation Track meet is scheduled on June 4th between 4-7PM. The commission discussed that no games would be scheduled that morning of so everyone has a chance to participate. Commissioners were asked to be available to help Kim with this event.
7. Movie Night is scheduled for June 11, 2011. All commissioners were asked to be available to help with this event.
8. Mr. Passe updated the commission on the laws associated with the Rutgers Safety course. It is mandatory for all coaches to have completed the course. Dennis suggested that recreation offer two (2) safety course's for each sport. The new Megan Kanter foundation will reimburse the fees for background checks. Appropriate forms will need to be submitted. The fees for the Rutgers safety course will be increasing to \$30.00.
9. It was suggested by Ms. Guevara that emails or letters be sent out to coaches thanking them for the participation in the baseball/ softball season.
10. Ms. Guevara and Ms. Brumbaugh will begin working on the data base of children signed up for recreation sports.

TENATIVE SCHEDULE DATES FOR RECREATION EVENTS

June 4,2011	Track and Field Meet
June 11, 2011	Baseball/Softball Picnic and Movie
June 21, 22 and 23, 2011	Soccer and Archery Registrations
June 27, 2011	Summer Camp opens
July 28, 2011	Playground Olympics
August 12, 2011	Last Day of Summer Camp
August 14, 2011	Coaches Appreciation BBQ
August 29, 30 and 31, 2011	Soccer/Archery Registrations
September 10, 2011	Soccer Day Clinic
September 17, 2011	Soccer Season Starts

October 18, 19 and 20, 2011	Basketball and Wrestling Sign-ups
October 23, 2011	Halloween Parade
November 19, 2011	Soccer Complete
December 3, 2011	Basketball Clinic
December 4, 2011	Holiday Lightning
December 10, 2011	Basketball Practice
December 17, 2011	Basketball Begins

The above minutes are my interpretation of the topics discussed, please contact me if you have any corrections or additions to the minutes.

Mark Tighe

June 9, 2011