

August 2, 2010 Forest Hills Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ed Galloway, Cheryl Finlay, Andrea Kennedy, Keith Morse

Other: Steve Karas

Minutes: There was no quorum to approve June's Minutes

Treasurer's Report: No report. Cheryl submitted receipts for re-imbusement for the Pool Open House.

Swim Report: Ed reports the swim team consists of 61 families with 88 swim team members. 20 of those swimmers are new this season. Our team finished in 4th place in Division II. There is a possibility that another team in Div. II may be moving up next season which would allow us to host Championships once again. It was discussed that the Recreation Board would like to thank Lynn Cassidy, Emily Sciulli, Andrew Finlay, and Graham Bodner for all of their hard work and assistance with this year's Swim Team. The Coaches organized a new event this year which was named "Battle of the Borders" in which our team competed in events against the Edgewood Club and Blackridge Swim Teams. This event was a big success in participation and attendance.

Ed reports that the pool's amplifier stopped working the evening of the "Battle of the Borders" event on July 20, 2010. This is the 3rd time the amplifier has broken in the past year. It worked when tried at a private residence but appears to break when plugged into the pool service. Swissvale Music will no longer replace it. Ed will get an estimate on repairing it and Steve will have an electrician evaluate our service in case our electrical service is what is causing the problem.

Tennis Report: The team is still in active play in a league with several other teams in the North, South, East and West areas of Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. The Coach reports that the one week clinics have and continue to be a popular choice for parents.

As a result of playing in a weekly evening adult league, Cheryl mentioned the fact the courts are significantly cracked and in need of resurfacing. This has been noted in past years. Also several lights are still out at the courts making it more difficult to see and decreasing safety for night play as it is harder to visualize the balls. Cheryl also suggested the possibility of looking into evening adult clinics.

Parks Report: No report. The basketball program, from all indications, seems to be going well.

Marketing and Events Director's Report: No report

Old Business: No Business

New Business:

It is with regret that we accepted Keith Morse's resignation from the Forest Hills Recreation Board as he has taken an additional professional position and will no longer be able to make the time commitment. .

We thank him for his years of service and dedication to the residents of Forest Hills Borough and look forward to his input as a resident.

1. Steve Karas requests input from Swim Team, Synchro Team, Tennis Team, the Basketball Program, Baseball, and Soccer as to the number of participants, the teams goals, and any suggestions they may have for the Borough to increase the value and participation in their program.

2. Steve suggested being able to identify Pool Staff Members (same swim suits or T-Shirts or Badges).

3. The importance of having one person at all times in the Office was discussed in the event of an emergency in order to initiate a quick response for professional assistance.

4. The importance of checking ID/Passes at the Pool Gate was discussed.

5. Steve discussed the possibility of putting one employee "In Charge" of the Concession Stand as a means of accountability.

5. Tennis courts have several burned out light bulbs which need to be replaced. The possibility of court resurfacing may need to be addressed again.

6. In order to partner with Council in an attempt to continue to increase pool revenue we discussed the possibility of hosting an "Adult Evening at the Pool" **this** year. We will need to speak with Cindy about this possibility. It can be held in September if this is easier. Ideas included:

- Cover charge
- BYOB
- Snacks/food provided (details to be worked out later)
- All revenue would benefit the Pool.

7. Team participation fees were discussed, and all were in agreement that rates should not be raised next year. Also, Ed suggested the possibility of offering "packages" for families who join two or all three summer teams. We will discuss this idea with Cindy to see how it could affect Borough revenue and participation.