

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

April 6, 2015

Attendees: Florence Biscaras, Roseann Litzinger, Barry Layton, Matt Rodrigues, Nick Ricci, Tom Brooks, Ed Galloway, Cheryl Finlay

Absent: Rob Lettan

Guests: Cindy Simm

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Layton welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2015

Moved by Ricci; seconded by Rodrigues. Minutes approved.

III. President's Report (Layton)

No report.

IV. Marketing and Events Director's Report (Simm)

Simm received call from Borough resident Tim Robinson, who is interested in teaching tennis lessons in the community. The Board would not like to see him compete with the existing tennis program and the lessons conducted by JoAnn Seman. Recommend he contact JoAnn to discuss ways his skills and experience could possibly benefit the program. The Board would expect Robinson to become a tennis member. Should he be willing to help in the tennis team/programs development and become a tennis program member, he would be permitted to conduct lessons on his own, but can only expect the use of one court.

The Woodland Hills tennis team is asking for the use of the Forest Hills courts to play two home matches on Wednesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 29. Their courts are in an awful state of repair and unplayable. Board is ok with this.

The tennis contractor is expected to examine the Forest Hills courts this week to address the discoloring of the surface. Expect this problem to be satisfactorily resolved.

Lights are functioning and come on now at dusk and turn off at 11 pm.

A resident responded to the call in the *Tree City Times* for someone interested in conducting the summer basketball clinic.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

No report.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

All permits for field use have been taken care of. This is for soccer, softball, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.

VII. Basketball Report (Layton)

No report.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

The coaches for the summer season are Greg Sorek (Head) with Katie Bunyan and Sara Kennedy serving as assistant coaches. The swim team will be hosting the Division I ESA Championship meet after all when White Oak backed out. The pool will now need to be reserved all day on Saturday, July 25. The swim team has been offered the use of the additional shed at the pool so it will likely be renovated sometime in the spring. The dual meet schedule will be known in late April.

IX. Old Business

Nick Ricci has drafted an article for the TCT on dedicating and renaming the annual biathlon on Community Day in memory of Ed Bunyan, who passed away recently. In planning for this year's event, Ricci would like to reduce the complexity of the event in order to attract more participants. He also plans to increase the advertising of the event too and possibly look into t-shirts if a sponsor could be found.

Ricci created a Facebook group for the Recreation Board; it can be found at www.facebook.com/pages/Forest-Hills-Recreation-Board. He will be the only member who can post to the site so board members should send him information.

Matt would like to resume the conversation about the tree burning prohibition at the next meeting.

X. New Business

The summer program open house is Saturday, May 2 from Noon-2 pm at the pool lodge. Residents can register for various summer programs and/or pick up their pool tags.

Members discussed the survey sent out by a Borough resident on opinions on a dog park. A meeting will be held at Edgewood Library on Saturday, April 11 for any interested residents. The Board welcomes a discussion with this group at any time.

Reminder that there is a park cleanup day in conjunction with Arbor Day on Saturday, April 25 at 9 AM at the Main park.

Scouts from Troop 90 will be laying mulch along the main park trails on Sunday, April 19.

Dogs are allowed in the parks but must be on a leash; this was news to the Board and pointed out that signs are still up in the parks indicating No Dogs Allowed; they should be removed or changed to reflect the new rule by Council. Simm will double check this with Jim Theilacker.

XI. Adjournment

Biscaras; seconded by Brooks. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Building.