

## **Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes**

**August 6, 2012**

**Attendees:** Ed Galloway, Barry Layton, Joe DeGregorio, Melissa Bell, Florence Biscaras

**Absent:** Roseann Litzinger, Scott Glasser, Cheryl Finlay

**Guests:** Cindy Simm

### **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

### **II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2012**

Moved by DeGregorio; seconded by Bell.

### **III. President's Report (Layton)**

Welcomed Florence Biscaras who is now a new member of the board. Tony Odorisio resigned since he moved out of the borough; Kevin Patterson was removed because of lengthy unexcused absences.

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

The Borough received an estimate from Glenn Engineering on resurfacing the tennis courts. The estimates range between \$70,000 and \$280,000 depending on the number of courts to be resurfaced at any one time and the type of surface (rubber vs. asphalt). Biscaras will try to contact companies who might be interested in naming rights to the courts and/or advertising to help raise money to fund the resurfacing. Including ads on the tennis team t-shirts could also help raise money.

Will need to review and make recommendations for increasing the pool membership rate for next year.

### **V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)**

Understand that there was an increase in tennis participation (ie membership), particularly individual lessons.

## **VI. Parks Report (Layton)**

Baseball over; a softball tournament was held at the Westinghouse fields. Should begin to receive soccer field permits.

The issue of smoking in the parks was raised since it is a borough code that smoking is not allowed. Do the police attempt to enforce this code? Several men at Community Day on July 4<sup>th</sup> were seen smoking in the park alongside police officers. The Board asks that this code be taken seriously by the police and enforced regardless of the circumstance or event.

## **VII. Basketball Report (DeGregorio)**

The summer basketball clinic is underway. Both DeGregorio and Layton received kudos from Simm regarding their volunteering commitment to this program. There are between 25-30 kids registered who have participated primarily from the 7-14 age range; about one-third of the kids are from outside the Borough. Each participant received a t-shirt and basketball as a registration gift.

## **VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)**

The swim team had a very successful year going 4-3 during the regular season and won the ESA Division II Championship Meet on July 28! The coaches and all swimmers should be congratulated for this achievement.

The Synchronized Swim Show was held August 5; a nice article in the PG helped publicize this unique event.

## **IX. Old Business**

Simm clarified to the Board that Borough residents can rent the pool lodge for birthday parties, etc. on Monday-Thursday for 3 hours between Noon-5 pm for a flat rate of \$25. No more than 25 people can attend. A security deposit of \$250 is still required. The same rental applies to the Westinghouse Lodge with the exemption that a \$300 security deposit is required.

The Board has not received any further information from Sally Bogie, head of the CC Mellor Library, about a meeting of surrounding recreational board members, including Forest Hills, Edgewood, Churchill, Braddock Hills and Wilkins, to discuss mutual interests.

## **X. New Business**

The Board is interested in hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Winterfest sometime in February-March 2013.

## **XI. Adjorn**

Moved by DeGregorio; seconded by Bell.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Borough Building.