

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

August 5, 2013

Attendees: Joe DeGregorio, Ed Galloway, Florence Biscaras, , Melissa Bell

Absent: Barry Layton, Cheryl Finlay, Roseanne Litzinger

Guests: Steve Karas

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Layton unable to attend so Galloway welcomed everyone and reminded us there remains two open spots on the Board.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2013

Forgot to bring minutes so will be approved at September meeting.

III. President's Report (Layton)

None.

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

Construction on the tennis court has begun with Public Works making a pathway from parking lot to courts; they will soon begin the demolition of the courts. In order to receive partial funding from the USTA, visual documentation of the construction process must be done along the way. Jimmy Thielacker is aware of this. The Borough's engineers have provided the USTA with information on the design of the new courts, particularly the drainage issue.

In general the pool attendance is way down compared to last year at this time due to the inclement and cool weather we've experienced all summer. About the same number of pool passes were sold. However, the Board should revisit the pricing of the Plus Packages since there was a discrepancy in costs between family plus package (\$20) and individual and senior plus package (\$35). Next year these costs need to be the same. It's also recommended that the Board eliminate the discount price and just have one price per level.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

None other than glad to see work on courts progressing.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

None.

VII. Basketball Report (DeGregorio)

Summer clinic registered 35 kids, both boys and girls from 7-10 years in age. Rain forced cancellation of two clinics. Is there a nearby school gymnasium that could be used because of inclement weather?

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

Swim team comprised 93 swimmers (58 families), 44 boys and 49 girls aged 5-18, an increase in 7 from last year. Also welcomed 23 new swimmers and 11 new families. The team finished in third place in ESA Division II with a regular season record of 4-2-1 (the tie being the result of inclement weather and just not being able to get the meet in after it was rescheduled twice). Once again, the swim team WON the ESA Division II Championship Meet held at the Forest Hills pool on July 27. Congratulations to FHST for their back-to-back championships!

The annual Synchronized Swim Show was held on Sunday, Aug. 4. There were 52 swimmers on the team this summer ranging from ages 6-17. The theme was "Totally 80s" which included 18 show songs from the 1980s. Show included variety of numbers showcasing different age groups, coaches and lifeguards.

IX. Old Business

Question and concern remains on why the tennis court lights continue to be on every night for hours at a time when no one is playing (or can play now that the courts are under construction). [Lights have since been turned off.]

X. New Business

Steve Karas brought forth the following items for discussion:

- No-smoking clause in rental agreement. [It's later been confirmed that no smoking clauses are already in all the rental agreements (parks, Westinghouse and Pool Lodges and Senior Center).]
- Ask field permit folks to be mindful of cleaning up after themselves [This (and the no smoking reminder) was added to the letters sent to the organizations.]
- Current price of field rentals...should they be raised? [Rates were just raised from \$50 to \$100 last year.]
- Path from Trinity Christian School down to the pool...can agreement be reached with TCS to allow parking in their lower lot at any time?
- \$1,000 beautification matching funds are available from the Borough

- Clean-up/repair pathway from Fairfax down to Cascade (Scout project?)
- Use millings instead of mulch along park paths? [If Borough prefers this material, the Scouts will spread it.]

XI. Adjorn

Moved by DeGregorio; seconded by Biscaras. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.