

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

August 1, 2011

Attendance: Barry Layton, Cheryl Finlay, David Fink, Ed Galloway, Tony Odorisio, Melissa Bell

Absent: Oksana Linsuain, Kim Hall, Kevin Patterson

Others: None.

I. Welcome

Board members expressed concern that Oksana has been missing from board meetings for quite some time. Also a newly appointed board member, Kevin Patterson, has not attended a meeting yet.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Meetings from June 6, 2011

Moved by Finlay; seconded by Bell.

III. President's Report (Barry Layton)

Nothing to report.

IV. Pool/Swim Team Report (Ed Galloway)

The Forest Hills Swim Team comprised 85 swimmers from 52 families. They concluded with a season record of 5-1 in regular dual meets in ESA Division II and finished in 3rd place in the Division II Championship meet. As a result of this finish, the team will stay in Division II next year. The swim team hosted Champs on Saturday, July 23 and will most likely be invited to host the Championship meet again for Division II in 2012. The coaches are to be commended for a job well done.

The swim team was reimbursed for the \$360 it spent to reserve the pool/lodge for its annual parent orientation/swimmer party in 2011. The team appreciates the understanding of Council to refund this payment.

The swim team owes the Borough a remaining \$200 in late registrations (4 swimmers) and will send payment immediately.

Finlay wondered if we could sell (rent) chairs at the pool as a fundraiser.

V. Tennis Report (Oksana Linsuain)

Finlay investigated the USTA's facility assistance program and discovered that Forest Hills is registered with the USTA as one of its official tennis centers. We could be eligible to apply for funds to help resurface the courts. The program will pay for 20% of related costs (\$35,000 maximum). This information will be passed on to Layton to convey to the Borough as a potential funding partner.

VI. Parks Report (Barry Layton)

The basketball clinic, held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, is going well with 15 kids registered. With only 7-8 kids showing up per night, however, it's difficult to effectively scrimmage. The kids this year are on the younger side compared to last year. Famed Pitt basketball coach (ret) and Forest Hills resident Joe DeGregorio is helping run drills.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Colin Letson (Troop 90) completely rebuilt the horseshoe pits at the main park, added two new picnic tables and restriped the basketball court lines. Similarly, Nathan Huang (Troop 90) was responsible for cleaning, painting and reroofing (Braddock/Ardmore) bus stops in the Borough.

VII. Marketing and Events Director's Report (Cindy Simm)

Reminder that the Adult Fall Fest for adults in Forest Hills is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 from 7-10 PM at the pool lodge. Admission will be \$10 per person with all donations to benefit the pool. The event will be advertised in the fall issue of the TCT.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

At some future meeting, the board would like to discuss the disparity of salaries between the swim team coaches and synchronized swimming coaches. The board also would like some say in the hiring of pool staff and coaches.

We discussed the possibility of storing personal items (chairs) at the pool but dismissed the idea as not feasible.

X. Adjourn

Moved by Finlay; seconded by Fink.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.