

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

February 2, 2015

Attendees: Ed Galloway, Florence Biscaras, Roseann Litzinger, Barry Layton, Nick Ricci, Matt Rodrigues

Absent: Cheryl Finlay, Tom Brook

Guests: Cindy Simm, Jim Kiley

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Layton welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2015

Moved by Biscaras; seconded by Litzinger. Minutes approved.

III. President's Report (Layton)

None.

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

Simm submitted list of summer staff hires to Council, who approved all hires. Simm will prepare hiring letters within the next two weeks. Since there was not an applicant for the assistant tennis coach, no one has been hired for that position so the Borough is seeking applicants. The tennis team must have at least one assistant coach in order to be viable.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

New registration form submitted to Borough. It lists volunteer activities and stresses the importance of having significant parent involvement.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

None.

VII. Basketball Report (Layton)

None.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

With the untimely passing of Ed Bunyan, a long-time resident and avid runner and swimmer, there is discussion within the community about naming the annual Biathlon on Community Day in memory of him. The Recreation Board unanimously agrees and gives support to the Civic Association to this idea. An article should be written for the *Tree City Times* announcing this.

The swim team will not be hosting the ESA Championship Meet at the pool this year; instead it will be held at White Oak on Saturday, July 25. Therefore, the pool can remain open as usual on that day but the swim team will be requesting its use during the evening for its end-of-year banquet.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

The annual tree burning, sponsored by the Lion's Club and held on the second Friday of January, is facing elimination next year. The Borough will no longer receive a waiver from the EPA to burn the trees since it contributes to air pollution. Kiley, a member of Council, indicated they are aware of this situation and is working to resolve the issue so that the tree burning can carry on as it has for the last 69 years. Besides the tree burning, the Recreation Center is open where families can enjoy refreshments that evening.

A recommendation was made to create a Facebook group for the Recreation Board in order to communicate up-to-the-date information to residents on community events, registration opportunities (and deadlines), etc. The sign at the pool entrance should also be used more opportunistically to inform residents what's going on; it has not been updated since the pool closed. The Borough has a Twitter feed.

TCS has inquired about the possible use of the tennis courts for its tennis team. The school's headmaster is scheduled to attend and speak at the Borough's Property Committee meeting on February 3. The Recreation Board has mixed reactions to what should or should not be permitted since the level of activity is unknown. The Board agrees that TCS should be expected to pay a fee to use the courts just like the Braddock Hills High School pays to use the fields for Ultimate Frisbee or the Woodland Hills Youth Soccer Association pays to use the fields. The funds received by the USTA were expected to support tennis in the community.

XI. Adjournment

Moved by Ricci; seconded by Rodrigues. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.