

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

February 6, 2012

Attendees: Melissa Bell, Cheryl Finlay, Ed Galloway, Barry Layton, Tony Odorisio

Absent: Kevin Patterson

Others Present: Joe DeGregorio

I. Welcome and Call to Order

David Fink has resigned from the board. We welcomed Mr. DeGregorio as a visitor and member of the community who is interested in joining the board. Need to continue our outreach into the community to encourage other folks to attend a Rec. Board meeting if they are interested in joining. We need to fill up to three slots on the board.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2012

Moved by Finlay; seconded by Odorisio.

III. President's Report (Barry Layton)

No report.

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

Submitted report includes final pool/tennis staff recommendations for 2012 to be approved by Council at Feb. 15 meeting. Reported on securing several former lifeguards to help staff the pool as needed; most likely pool hours will be reduced in late August which is understood and acceptable as long the pool attempts to remain open every day during the season. Final prices of all the passes were shared with the Board based on our previous recommendations; all prices as listed are correct at this time.

Member of board will re-contact interested occupant of Senior Center Building and will recommend be put in touch with Simm. Also Simm will be applying for funds for a dog park (DCNR grant) in April 2012.

V. Tennis Report (Cheryl Finlay)

Again the board is seeking direction from the Borough on what the Rec. Board should be doing to seek ways to improve the courts. Is the Borough investigating whether USTA funds can be sought for court improvements, for example.

VI. Parks Report (Barry Layton)

No report.

VII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Ed Galloway)

The swim team is interested and willing to purchase an additional speaker to add to the pool's PA system to improve sound coverage, especially towards the baby pool. Galloway will investigate.

VIII. Old Business

The Rec. Board is interested in hosting a Spring Fling at the pool lodge on Saturday, May 12. Finlay will convey this date to Simm to reserve it.

Other fundraising ideas previously discussed include the bricks at the pool. Finlay will speak to neighbor about offering an alternative supplier of the bricks. Something needs to be done to radically improve the presentation and layout of the bricks. They were supposed to encompass a much large area along the sidewalk and fence to show that many "open" bricks are available for purchase. Could this be a possible Eagle Scout project? Either way the board is seeking advice from the Borough on options.

IX. New Business

DeGregorio is interested in running the summer basketball youth program in Forest Hills. Various ideas were shared on how to communicate and promote this program to the numerous schools in the area. Recommended he attend the May 5 summer sign-up day at the pool lodge from 12-2 pm to promote the basketball program. Discussed possible age group brackets would help encourage attendance. Asked DeGregorio to consider writing brief bio for publication in summer issue of the Tree City Times and promote the summer basketball program at the same time.

IV. Adjourn

Moved by Finlay; seconded by Layton. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.