

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

January 4, 2016

- Attendees:** Florence Biscaras, Barry Layton, Tom Brook, Ed Galloway, Roseann Litzinger; Matt Rodrigues, Nick Ricci, Cheryl Finlay
- Absent:** None
- Guests:** Cindy Simm, Lynn Cassidy

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Layton welcomed everyone to a new year.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2015

Moved by Rodrigues; seconded by Finlay. Minutes approved.

III. President's Report (Layton)

A reminder there remains one vacancy on the board.

IV. Recreation Director's Report (Simm)

Distributed list of the recommended hirings for the summer pool staff. The board had no disagreement but just urged the Borough to seek anticipated vacation dates (and after-school activities that will start in August) from the staff as early as possible to give the pool manager the ability to schedule accordingly.

The Borough hired James P. Goldman, a sports facility consultant, to inspect and write a report on the condition and repairs needed for the pool. Throughout the summer the pool leaked up to 5 inches of water per day due to problems with the scum gutter (and PVC Liner) which must be replaced before the start of the swim season in 2016. Borough Council was given a list of options and will determine the best course of action at their January meeting.

Council approved the recommendations made by the Board regarding the pool admission and membership costs for 2016. They also are moving forward on allowing non-residents access to the pool under a sponsorship program. They will allow up to 25 non-resident families to join the pool at \$500 with a Forest Hills resident sponsor. If more than 25 families apply, then a lottery will be instituted to determine the selections for 2016. All of these new policies are contingent on the pool opening for the 2016.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

No report.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

The residents who are trying to build a dog park need to raise approx. \$40,000. Efforts are underway.

VII. Basketball Report (Layton)

No report.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

The swim team will learn next week if it will host the ESA Division I Championship meet in July.

IX. Old Business

An advertisement in the winter issue of the *Tree City Times* announced that the annual Christmas tree burning event was being discontinued due to enforced regulations by the County. The Borough has received no inquires or complaints to date.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Adjournment

Moved by Biscaras; seconded by Litzinger. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Building.