

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

June 6, 2012

Attendees: Cheryl Finlay, Ed Galloway, Barry Layton, Tony Odorisio, Joe DeGregario

Absent: Kevin Patterson, Roseann Litzinger, Melissa Bell, Scott Glasser

Guests: Steve Karas, Florence Biscaras

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Welcomed Florence who is interested in joining the board.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2012

Moved by Finlay; seconded by Layton.

III. President's Report (Layton)

Send Steve Morus ideas for parks, such as suggested equipment, etc.

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

Submitted report includes the emphasis of safety at the pool being the number one priority of all pool staff. On opening weekend, one of the busiest in memory due to the heat, the lifeguards were extremely attentive to the swimmers; two had to jump in to rescue several kids in the deep end. The Board would like to acknowledge these extraordinary acts of braveness by recommending the Borough provide a Certificate of Appreciation to the specific guards on duty.

The Board was presented with a proposal from the FH Volunteer Fire Company seeking support to waive all pool fees for members of the FH police, EMS and volunteer fire company. By virtue of their employment or volunteer status, the Borough has already extended an invitation to these men and women who may not reside in FH to join the pool and participate in any other FH activities and programs. The Board, however, does not agree that this service should be offered without charge. All FH residents are required to pay for recreational programs, and the Board would not like to see a different precedent set.

V. Tennis Report (Finlay)

Again not sure what to do or recommend concerning the state of the courts.

The Board requested to see the number of tennis memberships purchased by FH families for the 2012 season. It could be helpful for planning purposes if we knew how many families had joined the program this summer.

VI. Basketball Report (DeGregario)

Again the Board would like to emphasize that the basketball program is an instructional clinic and not a "league." DeGregario is there to teach basketball fundamentals and skill instruction. While we are pleased to hear kids are signing up, DeGregario was under the impression that he is merely the instructor of the clinics and not the coordinator. He prefers not to be the one calling families from a list about the program but rather expects the Borough to support him in these endeavors. The summer issue of the *Tree City Times* did not include information about the dates and times of the program. DeGregario stated that the clinic will run for 6 weeks start on Monday July 9. It will continue every Monday and Wednesday. He also believes the costs to participate are too high and should be lowered if this clinic should continue in the future.

VII. Parks Report (Layton)

No report.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

Registrations continue to be received. To date we have 84 swimmers from 54 families. Very pleased with registration numbers. The team hosts 4 home meets this summer plus the ESA Championship Meet on July 28.

IX. Old Business

The Board recommends that the Borough rent the pool lodge for small-scale birthday parties at \$25 per hour only during the hours of Noon-5 pm.

The Board has not received any further information from Sally Bogie, head of the CC Mellor Library, about a meeting of surrounding recreational board members, including Forest Hills, Edgewood, Churchill, Braddock Hills and Wilkins, to discuss mutual interests.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Adjorn

Moved by Odorisio; seconded by DeGregario. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 6 at 7:00 PM at the Pool.