

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

May 12, 2014

Attendees: Barry Layton, Ed Galloway, Florence Biscaras, Nick Ricci

Absent: Cheryl Finlay, Roseann Litzinger, Matt Rodrigues

Guests: Cindy Simm

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Layton welcomed everyone. Reminder that two vacancies remain on the Board; please recommend friends and neighbors.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2014

Moved by Biscaras; seconded by Ricci. Minutes approved.

III. President's Report (Layton)

Layton reported that the Borough is now using Twitter as a communications channel to residents (<https://twitter.com/ForestHillsPA>). The Rec Board should consider using it to make announcements, such as the Winterfest.

Also reminded us of the importance of indicating attendance at monthly meetings. The Board should refrain from rescheduling meetings.

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

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church has asked about renting the Westinghouse softball fields on various Sunday afternoons, but was reminded that the Borough issues no field permits on Sundays; it's open play with first come, first serve.

The construction company has started preparing the tennis courts for their opening, but must have several days of good weather in order to paint and seal the surface. The potential opening date is June 1 but that looks unlikely with the forecast. The card access system has been purchased and is ready to be installed once a laptop is purchased. No word yet from the USTA about receiving a grant for the tennis courts, but they did approve the layout of the courts and the line painting proposal.

Police Chief Chuck Williams is asking the Rec Board of our interest in taking over the coordination of the annual hayride in the fall. The Board will give it serious consideration since it does seem like a good opportunity for the Board to serve this need and be more visible. We asked for Chief Williams to attend our next meeting for discussion.

Based on last month's discussion with Dr. Sipp, the Borough is proceeding with offering senior citizen tennis passes for this season for \$65.

Cindy Simm or Steve Morus has had no further contact with Mr. Holmes about his concern regarding the cost of pool membership. Pool membership registration is at 225 families, which is normal for this time of the year.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

Biscaras will reach out to Andrea Kennedy and Mark Paul and serve as the Board liaison to the tennis program.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

Boy Scouts from Troop 90 spread mulch along the trails in the main Forest Hills park on May 3rd and 6th.

VII. Basketball Report (Layton)

Layton confirmed that Joe DeGregorio will help co-teach the basketball clinic this summer, but this will be the final time.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

Swim/Synchro team registrations are open. The home meet schedule is known and passed on to the pool manager. The Eagle Scout project to renovate the pool's concession stand is complete. Flower planting at the pool is Saturday, May 18, and the pool opens Saturday, May 24.

Ricci recommended the swim team install the type of record board in use by Plum Aqua. He will bring a cost estimate and pictures at the next meeting.

Rodrigues still investigating restoring the Gabella Award trophy.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

None.

XII. Adjournment

Moved by Ricci; seconded by Galloway. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Building.