

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

May 6, 2015

Attendees: Florence Biscaras, Roseann Litzinger, Barry Layton, Matt Rodrigues, Nick Ricci, Tom Brook, Ed Galloway, Rob Lettan

Absent: Cheryl Finlay

Guests: Cindy Simm

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Layton welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2015

Moved by Brook; seconded by Rodrigues. Minutes approved.

III. President's Report (Layton)

No report.

IV. Recreation Director's Report (Simm)

During the course of several nights, at least six minors broke into the pool office and locker rooms and proceeded to vandalize the property by breaking a window and spraying fire extinguishers throughout the lodge, men's locker room and the pool office – the majority of damage was done in the lodge. Borough staff cleaned up the areas which took approximately four days. The juveniles were apprehended by the Forest Hills Police, and their restitution will likely be decided in juvenile court.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

Sign up is in full swing; several parents have indicated their willingness to help. Cindy has received two parent applications with assisting the tennis program. In addition, the borough has received no activity fees (\$25/\$40) from parents to help with costs of equipment/supplies and the end-of-season banquet. Last year, the borough went over-budget by \$300, so council decided to increase the equipment/supply line item to \$1,600 (was \$1,000) so as to not go over-budget again.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

All permits for field use are in. There are still insurance certificates that need to be turned in for the 2015 season; according to Simm, no organizations have turned in their certificates thus far. Layton will follow up with those organizations to make sure they mail those certificates to the borough as soon as possible.

VII. Basketball Report (Layton)

The borough received one applicant to coach the summer clinic. Coach Bill Nicklow, who did not attend the open house on May 2 was given the basketball flyer (from Simm) to spread the word the program will take place as long as the borough receives at least 20 kids (pre-registered); it is important that the kids pre-register in order for the program to continue. The due date to register is set for June 12 and will be advertised in the summer issue of the TCT. Simm also sent the basketball registration form to George Novak, coach at Woodland Hills High School; he will forward to all appropriate staff at the high school in order to generate interest in joining the program.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

Registration is in full swing. The dual meet schedule is known and distributed to the Borough. Ricci is investigating new pool award signs. Several families are willing to help re-roof the storage shed to make it usable for the swim team. Pool opens on Saturday, May 23 (weather permitting).

IX. Old Business

Encouraged Joann Seman to reach out to Tim Robinson for help with the tennis team. The summer issue of the TCT will include the article by Ricci on the renaming of the biathlon in memory of Ed Bunyan.

UPDATE: Tim Robinson did contact JoAnn Seman and is interested in moving forward on offering tennis lessons to residents and non-residents. Tim will also work with JoAnn and Kitty making sure his schedule doesn't conflict with the borough's tennis program thus avoiding any conflicts; Robinson will purchase a tennis pass and will agree to a percentage going towards the borough's tennis program. Cindy will inform Steve Morus of Robinson's decision so that council can come up with a fair amount coming from those lessons and given to the program.

Rodrigues will draft a letter to the Allegheny County Health Department program director that addresses the recently passed ordinance in Allegheny County on tree burning. The Board recommends this as a first step to address the ban in order to continue with the annual community event in the Borough.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Adjournment

Moved by Rodrigues; seconded by Brook. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Building.