

Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes

October 1, 2012

Attendees: Ed Galloway, Scott Glasser, Joe DeGregorio, Florence Biscaras, and Roseanne Litzinger

Absent: Barry Layton, Melissa Bell, and Cheryl Finlay

Guests: Cindy Simm, Lynn Cassidy and Lynn McGuigan

I. Welcome and Call to Order

In Layton's absence, Galloway chaired the meeting.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2012

Moved by Biscaras; seconded by Glasser.

III. President's Report (Layton)

No report.

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

Glenn Engineering will submit a new bid to resurface the tennis courts since the bulk of the demolition work will be carried out by the Borough's Public Works Department; this should reduce the costs substantially. Several board members asked if we should raise awareness of this project within the community to see if residents could possibly offer discount services regarding paving of the courts. **It was suggested that an e-mail be sent to Steve Karas asking borough council to consider this idea.** The anticipated start date is at the end of the tennis season next summer (July 2013). It would be nice to move this timeframe forward, if possible, so that new courts **are** ready for the 2013 summer season instead of afterwards. **But because Public Works' schedule is quite busy in the spring months, it would be almost impossible for them to start earlier.** Biscaras made contact with the Hosanna House who offered the use of their tennis courts to Forest Hills residents during the construction project.

The existing court lights are all working and have been adjusted accordingly. They are set to come on at 6:30 PM and go off at 10 PM.

Through its two fundraising events at the pool in **2011**, the Board has raised \$1,238 for the pool.

Simm invited Cassidy, the pool manager, to the meeting to address several issues raised at the September meeting, specifically unaccompanied guests and displaying membership tags. It is difficult to keep track of guests if they are not with members who are not known by the staff. The rules state that all members or FH residents must always be with their guests while at the pool and are responsible for their behavior. This rule will be more clearly stated on the pool application form and at the pool entrance. Members are required to show their pool tags to the staff upon entrance. While staff **may** recognize members, we should all be reminded that we always need to be prepared to show our membership tags.

It is important that at any time during the season, both Simm and Cassidy can and should be approached by pool members to raise awareness of any issues they see. It is difficult to address issues like the above once the season has ended.

V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)

Will work with Simm and soon-to-be new board member McGuigan on tennis issues.

VI. Parks Report (Layton)

No report.

VII. Basketball Report (DeGregorio)

No report.

VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)

Borough Council recognized the achievements of the swim team winning the ESA Division II Championship Meet at the Council meeting on Sept. 19. Two proclamations were read: one for the coaches and the other for the swim team.

IX. Old Business

A reminder that the Board selected Saturday, February 23 as the date to host the Adult **Winterfest - planning** activities will occur at the January and February meetings.

A meeting of several other nearby community recreation boards will be held at the Edgewood Library in the Boardroom on November 7 at 7 PM. All members of the FH Recreation Board are welcome to attend.

At the September meeting, Layton asked the Board to review and comment on the draft of the Borough's Mission and Vision Statement. Suggested edits are attached.

X. New Business

DeGregorio wanted to make the Board aware of the Woodland Hills Summer Sports Camp offered for two weeks in the summer. The program offers baseball, basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball and wrestling. We should consider how to promote this program to the FH community, particularly via the *Tree City Times*.

XI. Adjourn

Moved by DeGregorio; seconded by Litzinger.

The next meeting will not occur until Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM on the 2nd floor of the Borough Building.