

## **Forest Hills Recreation Board Minutes**

**October 7, 2013**

**Attendees:** Ed Galloway, Florence Biscaras, Roseanne Litzinger, Cheryl Finlay, Joe DeGregorio

**Absent:** Melissa Bell, Barry Layton

**Guests:** none

### **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Layton was unable to attend the meeting so Galloway welcomed the Board and reminded us for the need to encourage at least two other residents to consider joining.

### **II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2013**

Moved by Litzinger; seconded by Biscaras. Minutes approved.

### **III. President's Report (Layton)**

None.

### **IV. Marketing and Events Director's Report (Reported submitted by Simm)**

Construction on the tennis courts continues and remains on schedule although it is difficult to provide a date when the courts will be ready for play. New lights have been installed and photos continue to be taken of the progress. The Borough is investigating both a card and code access system to enable tennis members to access the courts during peak season (May-October). The courts will be open to all residents during non-peak season (November-April).

Board recommendations: The Board recommends that a scheduling system be looked into and possibly implemented to allow tennis members the ability to reserve courts ahead of time. Several online systems exist; many are free. The Board also recommends that the Borough consider removing the nets during the winter months to preserve their condition. We also recommend that the courts are locked at night during the non-peak season and reopened in the morning to discourage vandalism. The Board also recommends that the lighting system (on/off switch) be accessible from the courts, and not from inside the pool by the snack shack.

Simm is in the process of completing the application for acquiring funds from the USTA which is due on Oct. 15.

At the last meeting Simm proposed increasing the pool membership rate by \$15 across all categories and keeping the discount rate. The Board endorses this recommendation, meaning a family pass will cost \$295 if paid early and \$310 if paid later. The Plus Packages should remain too. Council will discuss the recommendations at their November meeting with a final budget approved in December.

**V. Tennis Report (Biscaras)**

See above.

**VI. Parks Report (Layton)**

None although the Board wants to point out for the record that we do not recommend increasing the field permit rates since they were raised one year ago.

**VII. Basketball Report (DeGregorio)**

None.

**VIII. Pool/Swim Team Report (Galloway)**

ESA awarded hosting the 2014 Division II Championship meet to Forest Hills on July 26, 2014.

**IX. Old Business**

Boy Scouts expressed concern about spreading millings along the trails in the park, not due to the substance but the practicality. The weight of millings is significantly heavier than mulch/bark so the leaders are not sure if 12-14 year old Scouts can do the work without tipping over wheelbarrows. The Scouts would ask for some support from the Borough to help with this; otherwise, the Scouts would prefer they spread mulch. [Galloway]

The Board would like to host another Winterfest in 2014. A date will be settled on outside the meeting and submitted to the Borough by the TCT deadline.

**X. New Business**

None.

**XI. Adjournment**

Moved by Biscaras; seconded by DeGregorio. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.