

**Minutes of the Forest Hills Recreation Board
March 2, 2009**

Attendance: Andrea Kennedy, Cheryl Finlay, Keith Morse, Jamie Glasser, Kim Hall, Barry Layton and Lynn Cassidy.

Others: Cindy Simm

Minutes: The minutes were accepted (Finlay/Layton).

Treasurer's Report: The balance remains the same at \$327.51.

Tennis Report: No report.

Swim Team: Cheryl reported that despite rumours, the swim team will not be dropping to Division 2 competition. The team will remain in Division 1 and the pool will continue to host the championships in July.

Parks: No report.

Council Report: No Report.

Marketing and Events Director's Report: Cindy reported that she will recommend to council the cancellation of the Fun in the Park program because the staff is too weak and the director will need a week off during the time the program is running. Cindy reported that Officer Ken Cooley is attempting to bring back the Police Camp program to offset Fun in the Park. Jamie wanted to know if the FIP program will be canceled in the future or will the borough give it another try next year? Cindy said she was open to suggestions. Jamie suggested that maybe we should contract someone for a couple years to commit to the continuity of the program. Cheryl suggested that the borough advertise the position next year with requirements and specifications for the position. It was agreed that a professional (possibly a school teacher) is needed to run the program. Andrea suggested advertising within the school district next year.

New Business: The use of Koch Prak was discussed. It was agreed that the tennis court/basketball court area should be refurbished and the horsehoe pits either repaired or eliminated because of safety issues.

Barry and Cindy suggested a summer basketball league at the main park. A director will be needed to run the program. Barry said he would look into it.

Cindy asked if there was any reason to expand the Westinghouse fields maybe turning one of the parking lots into an additional field. Cindy was concerned about parking issues. Barry did not feel that expansion at this location was

necessary.

Old Business: The dog park location was discussed and it was recommended that the wooded area behind the Westinghouse Recreation Center leading down to the the park on Avenue L would be the best suited. The area would need to be a leashed trail. Cindy stated that if this is the location of the trail, an asphalt path near the trail and a fence would be needed to keep the people and their dogs away from the lodge and lodge events. Another possibility was to clear the field along the side of the center leading to the trail. It was agreed that this could be a possible Eagle Scout project.

Keith reported that the AED's he was expecting to receive from a grant has fallen through.

The following recommendations are being made:

Koch Park: Repair the basketball/tennis court area and repair or remove the horseshoe pit area.

Forest Hill Main Park: Start up a summer basketball program.

The pool: Request that the brick project go forward and bricks be put in prior to the start of the season. Many of the bricks were purchased over two years ago and expectations are that the bricks should be in place by now.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2009.