

Bernardsville Recreation Committee
September 11th, 2018 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bernardsville Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 at Borough Hall, Bernardsville, NJ. Robert Steinkopf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance was: William DeMilt, Ted Dolan, Al Schaufler, Robert Steinkopf, Andrew Taylor and staff members Cheryl Ferrante and Neil Mastrobuono

Absent was: Patty DeLeo, Louis Romano, Doug Smoot, Peg Trinter and Councilman Jeff DeLeo

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were approved by Andrew Taylor, seconded by Al Schaufler

OPEN SESSION:

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECREATION DIRECTOR/CORRESPONDENCE:

Cheryl Ferrante reported on the director's report about recreation programs, the pool and administration. A new youth soccer program begins on September 13th for grades K- 3rd. There are 34 participants registered for the K-1st program and 36 participants registered for the 2nd- 3rd program. There are 16 sessions that will take place on Thursdays and Saturdays. Fall enrichment programs begin in October with the following programs being offered: NASA: Future Space Explores with Mad Science, Lego Motorized Build, Junior Engineering and Hot Shot Tennis. October 13th is the tentative date for the Fishing Derby for ages 5- 18. Travel basketball tryouts will be held in mid-October. Hannaford Swim was held on July 15th. Family Day was held on July 22nd. August 7th was National Night Out and approximately 200 people attended with the movie Sherlock Gnomes being shown. The pool remained open for an extra day of Tuesday, September 4th from 12:00pm- 4:00pm. Cheryl and Neil had to take over some of the management staff at the pool due to vacations and illnesses. There was a guard shortage during the last week of the pool season.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Andrew Taylor reported on the financial report that the pool is up \$4,000 and recreation is up \$11,000 from 2017.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. Turf Field- Doug Walker, the Facilities Manager, put in a system at the turf field that would support LED lights. Mountaineers Football has rented diesel lights for the season.

The diesel lights must go around the perimeter of the field behind the fence. Mountaineers football will not be playing games at the Polo Grounds Turf Field because there is only a four yard buffer from the end zone to the fence. Cheryl has been told that five yards is an appropriate buffer zone. Mike Hoppe has requested to paint lines on the turf field with a removable chalk/ paint so the field can be widened for soccer and so field hockey games can be played. The Recreation Committee does not believe field hockey should be played on the turf field at the Polo Grounds due to the weight of the field hockey goals. Organizations/ residents using the turf field can move the goals incorrectly, which can lead to damage to the turf field. The committee is also concerned with where the field hockey goals will be placed when other sports are using the field. The soccer goals that belong to BHS which are currently on the turf field do not continually get moved, if at all. The field hockey goals would have to be moved each time a new sport is being played on the turf increasing the chances that damage to the field can occur, especially when kids, teenagers and coaches from other programs do not know how to properly handle the equipment.

- B. Mountaineers Football- Ned Ginty, President of Mountaineers Football, would like to start meeting with the Recreation Committee monthly to discuss ways to fundraise for lights at the turf field. The Recreation Committee is recommending that they form their own group with other programs and then meet with the committee so recommendations can be made and possibly brought to council.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Robert Steinkopf at 8:00pm.