

**Bernardsville Recreation Committee**  
**January 8th, 2019 Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Bernardsville Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at Borough Hall, Bernardsville, NJ. Robert Steinkopf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**In attendance was:** William DeMilt, Joe Lukacs, Steve Reynolds, Louis Romano, Al Schaufler, Robert Steinkopf, Andrew Taylor, Peg Trinter, Councilman John Donahue and staff members Cheryl Ferrante and Neil Mastrobuono

**Absent was:** Ted Dolan and Doug Smoot

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes were approved by Peg Trinter and seconded by Al Schaufler

**OPEN SESSION:**

Matt Kneafsey- Somerset Hills Little League

Mr. Kneafsey discussed the plans to put batting cages at Claremont. Little League would be willing to clear all the necessary brush to fit a 70' x 15' batting cage on the first base side of the field without having to move the bleachers. Facilities and the Recreation Department have been working with Little League to get the batting cages installed.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE RECREATION DIRECTOR/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Cheryl Ferrante reported on the Directors Report about recreation and the pool. Travel Basketball games began in December with 10 boys and girls teams in grades 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> participating in the Jersey Basketball Associations and the RIB League. Recreation Basketball began on January 5<sup>th</sup> for boys and girls in grades K- 8<sup>th</sup>. The K-1<sup>st</sup> program has been booked. There are 135 participants in the recreation basketball program. The Recreation Department is working on a date for pizza bingo for youths and seniors. This event typically takes place in February or March. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip to Shawnee will begin Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. There are 37 participants registered for the ski trip. The Camelback Ski Trip for boys and girls in 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade has been cancelled due to low enrollment. After school enrichment programs for the winter will begin in February with a Mad Science and Bricks 4 Kidz program being held. Requests for fields for the spring have been coming in. The Recreation Department is working on the 2019 pool brochure for the summer season.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Andrew Taylor reported on the financial report that the pool is up \$3,536 and recreation is \$8,525 from 2017. The programs in the trust account are also up \$25,165 from 2017. The trust account are programs that use a vendor to run the program. Fees that are collected to run the programs are used to pay the vendor at the end of the programs completion. Roughly 80% of the fees that are collected are the vendor fees and roughly 20% are the administrative fees. Out of the \$115,450 in revenue the trust program brought in, \$95,815 was paid to the vendors.

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- A. **Reorganization:** Chairman of the Recreation Committee- Robert Steinkopf  
Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee - Andrew Taylor  
Secretary of the Recreation Committee- William DeMilt
- B. **Pool Fees:** The Recreation Committee has agreed to keep the pool fees the same as 2018.
- C. **Peters Track-**
- D. **SHSD Invoices:** The Recreation Department has been receiving more invoices from the Somerset Hills School District than in the past for the use of the gyms. Cheryl Ferrante is working with Councilman John Donahue to resolve the matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Turf Field Rental:** The Recreation Committee has requested to Council that there will not be any fees in 2019 until the field deficiencies have been resolved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Batting Cages at Claremont:** Facilities and the Recreation Department is working with Little League to get batting cages at Claremont.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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