

Bernardsville Recreation Committee
December 8th, 2020 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bernardsville Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 on Zoom. Ted Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance was: Ted Dolan, Heather Eich, Laura Hartnett, Melissa Provost, Steve Reynolds, Louis Romano, Andrew Taylor, Council Liaison Jena McCredie and staff members Bob Markowick and Neil Mastrobuono

Absent was: William DeMilt, Al Schaufler, Robert Steinkopf and Peg Trinter

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were approved by Andrew Taylor and seconded by Heather Eich

OPEN SESSION:

Melissa Provost brought up the outdoor basketball courts and drainage issues on the courts. Melissa also asked about possibly getting brighter lights on the courts. Recreation will ask Anthony Suriano if there is a resolution stating how late people can stay on the courts.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECREATION DIRECTOR/CORRESPONDENCE:

Bob Markowick reported on the Directors Report about facilities, programs and special events/ projects:

Recreation:

- Both the boys and girls fitness programs finished last week which completed all the programs in the fall season.
- There is interest in the community to expand the fitness programs to a wider age range.
- Sport specific exercise programs are being considered.
- Winter programs will begin the second week of January to coincide with the restart for New Jersey youth and high school sports.
- Ski Club will begin on January 8th for grades 7th- 12th.

Pool:

- The ordinance pertaining to the \$45,000 requested for additional pool repairs through open space money will be voted on and likely adopted during the council meeting on 12/14/20.

Administration:

- Bob Markowick provided the finance committee with a capital proposal to construct 4 pickleball courts at the far end of the basketball courts parking lots. This proposal may be diverted to open space funds, but there is interest from the Borough.
- Doug Walker will be meeting with the DEP along with engineering and an environmental expert this week to discuss the options of the walking path in regards to the wetlands. After this meeting we should have clarity on both the options for the path and possible extension of the left field of the baseball field.
- We are wrapping up the Recreation Master Plan with Brandsetter Carrol. Pat Hoagland was in town from 11/7-11/8. During this time we hosted a community session at the pool as well as informal meetings at each athletic complex with community youth sports representatives. Pat now has all he needs from recreation

and we are finalizing the last of the meetings with other groups who would like to weigh in on the master plan.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Andrew Taylor reported on the financial report that the pool was down \$45,000 from 2019. Summer camps were down from 2019 due to being able to only offer the half day summer camp. Pool and Summer Camp salaries and wages are down from 2019 due to the shortened pool season and half day summer camp. The pool had a net of \$18,191.30, summer camp had a net of \$11,743.32, and trust programs had a net of \$5,195.00.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- a. Pool Fees- with the increase in minimum wage, Recreation is looking to raise the pool fees. An option to only raise the early registration fee was mentioned. Recreation will have their recommendation for the pool fees for the January 2021 meeting.
- b. Open Space- Little League has made improvement to Kiwanis Fields and may ask Council for open space money. If so, Anthony Suriano will be asking all committees to vote to approve. Recreation asked the committee for recommendations for future facilities upgrades and maintenance projects as \$500,000 in open space money will be available each year per the 2019 ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Ted Dolan at 8:20pm