

January 2018 Recreation Commission Meeting

Meeting Open to Public: Randy Sanchez, asking that an adult 3X3 basketball league be considered for this coming summer. **Discussion**

Ken Raschen, Superintendent Shade Tree & Parks: Ken provided his input in regards to the proposed renovation to the multi-purpose rink at Petruska Park, the re-lamping of the Sports Complex and the recently brought up complaint of softballs and baseballs being hit onto the tennis courts at the Sports Complex. **Discussion – all in favor of moving forward with the re-lamping of the Sports Complex. Sue to put in for a resolution so this project can begin.**

Pat Verile, Council Liaison: Pat advised the Rec Commission that the Council would like a policy established in regards to baseline concussion testing of all student athletes participating in Rec sponsored activities. **Discussion – Bob will send out an email to members of his NJRPA – Bergen, Passaic, Hudson District asking how their towns are handling concussions and if they are using baseline testing.**

Director's Report

Petruska Park Multi Court Project: Pat requested that I get an estimate on resurfacing the court as well as how much it would cost to replace the backboards and rims. \$25,000 to \$30,000 estimate to resurface the facility. A representative of the company can come out and give us a more accurate estimate after seeing how much repair work on the cracks would be needed **Hand Out which includes the estimate for relamping the Sports Complex**

Tennis: Bob and I met with representatives of the company, TGA (Tennis Golf Association) to discuss our summer tennis program. They ran it for us last year. One issue that they brought up was that last summer foul baseballs and softballs had been hit onto the courts during their sessions. They feel some sort of net needs to be installed. Bob and I discussed this with Ken and Jay this morning. Jay said he would try and come up with a solution. **Discussion – Pat suggested that a sign be posted warning of the danger of being hit with either a baseball or softball and users of the court are doing so at their own risk.**

Attendance at Events: Besides the three site supervisors that we employ both Bob and myself have been attending our sporting events. The lawyer investigating a complaint against one of our coaches felt that we need to be in attendance at games. I've noticed that many coaches are not wearing their photo ID badges. I have sent out several emails requesting that they be worn. I as well as our site supervisors have been reminding our coaches that their badges need to be worn. I have personally seen only three coaches wearing them.

Wrestling: Not running as smoothly as we had hoped. As you know Chris is struggling with his staff battling with each other. Chris has said that going forward he would like to bring in outsiders to coach and eliminate all fathers. He has gone back and forth as to whether or not he would want to continue in the Tri County League.

They have a home meet this Saturday. Word got back to the Board of Health that their snack bar was selling pulled pork. The Board of Health Director sent me a list of regulations that they need to follow as well as request form that the town will waive the fee for. I directed Chris to forward to his two snack bar ladies. They need to review the regulations and sign off on the form, which I told him I will deliver to the Board of Health.

This morning's issue whether or not Chris should allow a registrant who hasn't shown up for practices to compete in the upcoming districts.

Cheerleading/Football: As directed, I ordered Super Bowl Trophies for not only the football teams that won their title but also for the cheerleaders of those grade levels. Jim Dolack will be returning as the football coordinator and has acknowledged my request for bank statements reconciling the referee fees we provided last season.

Lacrosse: Since the lacrosse coordinator told me that her group going forward would be taking care of supplying uniforms, I cancelled my order to Metuchen for what I felt was needed to supplement what we already have in stock. I had placed my order back in December before I went on my vacation. I saw Alison at the wrestling meet I attended and again asked her about equipment for the upcoming year, at which time she said she didn't think they needed much. I have requested from this group a financial statement concerning the funds we provided last year.

Summer Playground: Rumor was out there that we would not be running our playground program this summer. Bob immediately put a message out on our Facebook Page that this was untrue. In fact I have already booked many of our trips as well as entertainers and workshops.

There will be an announcement in our Spring Brochure advising that our program will be held as usual. Looks like we will be getting East Brook, Memorial and Stony Lane this summer.

Counselor applications will be available starting in February.

Track & Field: Bob and I recently met with Deana, the Cross Country Coach from Bergen Community College to see if she would be a fit to lead our Track & Field Program. I invited long time Track & Field Coach, Bob Roemer, to sit in on that meeting as he was part of our program for 15 or so years and could better explain how practices and meets were held in the past. Deana failed to show for tonight's meeting with the Track & Field Committee. **Sue will contact tomorrow.**

Spring Registration: Mail In and On Line to start on Monday, February 26th. In Person Registration to be held on Monday, March 12th & Tuesday, March 13th.

Men's Softball: So far four of the seven teams that participated last year have said they are returning. The lock boxes that store the equipment at both Reid Park and the Sports Complex have been sent over to the DPW Department to have the lids welded back on. Shade Tree picked them up for us and brought them over to DPW. I will be ordering new bats for the upcoming season.

Girls' Travel Softball: Suggestions how to proceed with our travel program? Last year we ran as two separate seasons. We charged a fee for the spring, which included games with umpires. Anyone who played in the spring was automatically included in the tryout for the summer team. Jeff assured me that his U12 team played a number of games. Not sure if the U14 team played all that many. Jeff suggested that we advertise that the spring program could include participation in tournaments in addition to or instead of games. **Discussion**

Coaches Dinner: If you want I will contact the Florentine Gardens and set a date as to not conflict with Spring Break, which is the first week of April. We can discuss Coach of the Year candidates at our February meeting.

Roller Hockey: I have been issuing permits to this group based on payments received. Initially they sent a check for \$750 for practices and games in November and December. I have kept track of cancellations due to inclement weather and applied credit to their January schedule. Have notified John Nelson, my contact for that group, several times that the insurance certificate for his group, expired at the end of December and that I need one for 2018. Am I going to have backing if I advise him that until I get those certificates they cannot use the facility.

Field Requests: Baseball and Softball Field requests have started to come in already: Paul Stabile on behalf of the Fire Department's Softball Team; Bill Buccino who manages a young adult baseball team; Joe Speranza, someone new who has a men's over 40 baseball team looking for Sunday mornings. No doubt we will soon be hearing from Brian Casey and Donald Hays, who last year told me I was ridiculous and whose team would not be returning. All these adult teams want me to commit before I get schedules from our youth teams. Tim O'Reilly told me last summer that this coming year there would be several summer teams. Last year there were none.

Persons Who Handed In Intent to Coach Forms

Travel Basketball

Anibal Galiana

Wrestling

Austin Cantone

Lacrosse

Dennis Duddie

Thomas Sharples

Intown Soccer

Michel Kerio

Fernando Beraun

Charles Baldanza

Intown Basketball

Harry Hamparian

Christopher Haines

Nicholas Gjini

Doug Sobelman
Nick DeRobertis
Franklin Medina
Anthony Santoloci
Dennis Duddie
Zachary Sobelman
Dave Pagliaro
Jeff Panagia

2017 End of Year Report: Hand Out Copies

Assistant Director's Report

Intown Basketball: All intown basketball leagues are now under way. We had to delay the start of the Collegiate and Pony leagues due to a shortage of coaches. There was an issue with the floor at Yavneh which required it to be refinished; in the meantime we had to move all games to West Brook. The rotation rules were slightly modified this season and feedback so far has been positive. Thus far we have not had any serious complaints of anybody breaking the rotation rules or playing unfairly.

Indoor Soccer: All indoor soccer leagues are now under way. Like basketball it was a struggle to find coaches for some age groups but ultimately each spot was filled. Enrollment was low for our 3rd/4th grade age groups so we only were able to make three teams each. For the 7th/8th grade age groups we had to hire Kiddie Soccer to send us coaches to run the program as a pickup/scrimmage program. We received a complaint about using West Brook for 5th/6th grade girls' soccer but we do not have a larger gym that is available to us.

Winter Staff: Scorekeepers and hall monitors are working out well so far. Having extra scorekeepers has proved to be a benefit when somebody inevitably calls out. Adding Harry Hamparian as an extra site supervisor has also been a huge help as he has helped cover gyms that Rich would not have been able to himself.

Summer Staff: Summer staff applications are now available please spread the word. They will be mailed to last year's staff and I have requested that PHS email it to the families of all juniors and seniors. I will be holding interviews in late March instead of April this year. I will be away for a few days in June for a destination wedding of a close friend so I need to have my staff in place a little earlier than usual. I will still plan to hire 90-100 staff even though the BOE's new summer program may eat into our enrollment.

Committee Reports

Basketball: Paula will be attending the next Board of Education meeting to ask for new backboards in all of the school gyms that need replacements.

Paula is asking that we contact the custodians at Parkway and ask for their help in setting up the chairs and tables whenever there are games.

Girls' Softball: Jeff is asking that a sliding mat be purchased.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Jeff
Seconded by Vince