

## Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Director, Michael Pucowski, called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Present were Commissioners: Chris Rosa, Candy Church, Jeff Feldman, and Abby Christmann.

Absent were Commissioner, Chris Hall, Manny Quinoa, Recreation Liaison, Rosemary Tuohy, and Secretary, Gina Tarascio

**Soccer**: Three teams competed. Michael will be handing in some vouchers for the port-a-johns for two months and some vouchers will be coming in for umpires for the seniors and intermediates.

**Baseball**: Chris reported the mound is done on far field thanks to Michael and Maria. The Yankee bus trip is coming up the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. The kids will be able to go on the field before the game and will be able to shake hands with some of the players. Tickets are still available on the Colonial website. Board County baseball joined Little League. We are going to have a playoff tournament for the top four teams (for the minors division and the 12 yr. olds. Not sure about the 14 yr. olds.)

**Softball**: Abby reported the seniors and intermediates just had a tournament this past weekend. The intermediates were knocked out in the first round and the seniors made it to the second day. They ended up in fourth place. Junior tourney is coming up in a few weeks. We are working with the league to try to get a night game for one of the teams. Abby received an email from one of the parents. They want to get together and talk about some ideas on how we can get more people involved for next year. There is a lot of frustration with the teams because a lot of them are at their minimum, etc. There has been a lot of discussion about the concession stand not being open. The only issue is volunteers. We've had the same people volunteers when it's been open. Maybe the meeting with the parents can help generate some ideas and get some more volunteers. It only needs to be open for 6 weeks (Saturday only). It's a little late to open it for this season, but maybe next season. You have to be 18 yrs. old or older to volunteer. A thought was to maybe have a food truck come on Saturdays from 9am-2pm. Abby sent an email to coaches to get permission from the parents to be able to post pictures and names of the kids in the Panther Newsletter or Hackettstown newspaper, etc.

**Trail & Playground**: The trail has a couple of trees that have come down, so we need to get them pulled off the side. In another month, Maria should be able to mow the grass. It was very walkable. The playground is a hot topic. Candy is hearing that some parents have been saying that everything is covered with bugs and their child has ticks. Candy went to check and didn't see any bugs or ticks on any equipment. It was also mentioned that some teenage boys came in and were sitting on the handicapped swings and the teeter totter, two on each side, etc.. The parents are now concerned whether or not it's safe to use. Candy spoke to Annmarie, and we are going to have a sign made up of the age limits. The equipment already has signs on them of the age limits, which is age 2-12. An article will be going in the Panther regarding this issue. Candy will talk to Annmarie about a branch that needs to be cut down that is hanging over into the playground. There is going to be a sign put up regarding parking because other people are using it other than people using the trail and playground. Mulch still needs to be ordered.

**Dog Park**: Candy reported she has an approximation of the final number to give to Jim Kozimor but it depends on whether the initial three purchase orders are to come out of the \$3,086.00 or if they were already taken out. Sixty Eight dogs are registered. We have taken in \$1,545.00 in fees and \$100 in donations. We should have approximately \$3,200.00 left over. Everyone is keeping the dog park clean. The grass was manually cut for the first time and is doing good. Maria can cut it from here on. Jeff donated more grass because there are some bare spots. Everyone is in favor of the new Rules and Regulations.

**Basketball**: Manny wasn't present to report.

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