

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes March 12, 2014

Next Meeting: May 7, 2014 7pm [Meetings scheduled for: June 4, Sept 4, Nov 5]

Minutes from the January meeting were distributed by email and are posted on the township's website under meetings and agendas.

In attendance: Jim Farley, Harry Bond, Noelle Kehrley, Mary Gallagher, Dan Weiss, Brigitte Geiger, Bill Schwarick, Alex Roman, John Geiger, Jim Lynch, Jill Daggon.

- Committee Reports:

- o Open Space: Alex Roman: *Open space will be reaching out to the members of the community garden to aid in connecting them with the seed library.*
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds: Jim & John: *Jim is now back as Parks, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor (as well as assisting the Business Administrator as needed) and John is foreman for Parks, Buildings & Grounds.*
 - o *Weather is still impacting fields around town, some areas are melting, some not as much. They are staying in touch with the sports associations as to which fields can be scheduled as they become available, and Jim is working with the MOHS AD for use of township fields, if possible, when needed.*
 - o *Turkey Brook will be under construction most of the year: lights for Soccer 4 (and soccer 3 will be able to be backlit, Mount Playmore, MOJLC concession shed and infrastructure).*
 - o *Drakes Brook Park – Petillo is working on grading/leveling fields. Stockpiled topsoil will be replaced, then seeded.*
 - o *Marveland Farms: The property behind Flanders Park was Marveland Farms, a horse training facility. It is being developed as a 55+ Community with 280 homes and 20 Affordable Housing units. Part of the parcel might be able to become a practice field(s) and the existing stables could be used to store PG&B/DPW equipment and supplies. The development may impact Flanders Park when tying into infrastructure.*
 - o *Flanders Park: Siemen's will be helping us make improvements to the park. The river stones by the concession stand will be removed and pavers put in. The stones have been used by vandals to break the toilets. (The portable toilet will stay in place until this project is done, so we don't have further damage from the stones.) The park sign needs to be replaced. The 3 sand volleyball courts will be refurbished, but cut back to only 2 courts, to provide a safety zone from the ball field. Harry mentioned that although the walking track had been cleared of snow, there was not a clear accessible route to the track. Jim and John will add that request to the park improvements.*
 - o *Mount Playmore: Grading and leveling work has been awarded, and the initial work should begin soon. New build start date is 4/28. Working on a nationwide hunt for composite lumber. 2 storage units will be brought on site to hold materials.*
- o Board of Ed/Mutual Facilities: No Report

New Business:

1. Mount Playmore:
 - a. Benches and Picnic table recommendations for area around Mount Playmore: *We want to choose a standardized bench, for the playground as well as all our other parks/locations. We are looking at a couple of choices that are state contract, or from a local vendor.*
2. Beach Redevelopment Suggestions:
 - a. The Planning Dept has gotten Highlands approval to designate an area along Rt 46, from the old Lakeside Plumbing to Manor House Road as a redevelopment area. This will include improvements to the municipal beach area. Ideas will be discussed at the April 10th 17th Planning Board meeting. Improvements need to consider/include: possible revenue to the township, year round use, maintenance, access (and ADA 2010 standards)
 - b. Some suggestions already proposed: Boardwalk along Rt 46 with Fishing areas, playground, splashpad, building with restrooms, food concession, multi-purpose room (programming, staff training, etc), Beach equipment storage, first aid/staff room, shade structure/pavilion, boating dock/slips, picnic area. *Alex mentioned that the Council has approved a capital line of \$1,000,000 for recreation capital improvements, particularly the boardwalk along Rt. 46.*
 - c. Other suggestions? *Please email Jill suggestions by 3/19/14.*
3. Sports Summit: Wed March 26 7:30pm at the Corner Pub *High School and Middle School coaches have been invited in addition to our sports associations' boards. Brigitte & Dan will be presenting information on Head Trauma. Brigitte will get in touch with Jill for the PowerPoint presentation, LCD projector and laptop.*

Old Business

- Mount Playmore:
 - o Ground prep is starting soon. Followed by concrete base pour. Build date is April 28 – May 16.
 - o Waiting for a timeline/plan update from Leathers & Associates for Volunteer Art Committee and Volunteer Build Committee info
 - o Fundraising continuing – Pickets can be added throughout the year. Deadline for first round of engraved pickets is this Friday, 3/14. 109 engraved picket donations, 6 attached benches, 1 Picnic table, plus shrubs and other donations. Pending: sponsors for swings and a slide. \$10,889 received so far.

- NJRPA Conference: March 1-5. Paul Licitra attended the Rutgers SAFETY Clinician's training. Liz, Laura and Jill attended several workshops covering topics including 2010 Recreation ADA Accessibility standards, camp programs, anti-bullying programming, recreation master planning, revitalizing aquatic facilities, e-newsletters and more. Jill was surprised by receiving the NJRPA Professional of the Year Award and was re-elected to another 2 year term on the Board of Trustees.
- Rec Updates:
 - Jan & Feb Monthly reports: *January's enrollment in programs reflects programs that are on-going from the fall, throughout the year. February is when the winter programs begin. The revenue figures do not reflect net profit, but just the revenue deposited that month, with a breakdown whether the source is sponsorship or programming.*
 - *On-line Adult courses should be live by Friday 3/14.*
 - Summer brochure – need art work by 4/25. Will be distributed May 30th
 - Summer staff applications are being accepted now (they are on-line) and interviews are scheduled for 3/19. We are looking for a camp supervisor for Grades 1-3 (preferably a teacher), and Lifeguards
 - New Look for e-newsletters!
- Events:
 - Cabin Fever Reliever: 2/22 at the Senior Center – 1200 attendees! Next year we are considering moving the event to the MOMS cafeteria
 - Pi Day: 3/14 This Friday – see promotion page for specials celebrating 3.14
 - Do or Dye Color Run: 4/26 All sponsor levels are filled. Registration is open now. Volunteers needed
 - PowerWheels Race Series 5/1-5/22: Soccer west side parking lot. Only 2 sponsor spots left for the Gran Prix on 5/22
 - Fairy & Pirate Festival 5/17 Turkey Brook Park Great Lawn: Still need sponsors, only 9 booth spaces left
 - Farmer's Markets: vendors are currently being recruited. Volunteers needed to help each Saturday from May 10 – Sept 27 Municipal Building parking lot.
- Trips:
 - Ringling Bros Circus 3/21 \$43 through Jefferson Twp Recreation. Bus leaves at 4:30pm
 - Rockettes Heart & Lights Show 4/2 \$82 through Jefferson Twp Recreation. Bus leaves at 4:30pm
 - Yankees games through Mt Olive 4/29, 9/23 \$52 Buses leave ITC Walmart parking lot at 4:15pm
 - Bronx Zoo 5/4, through Denville Recreation – must register by 4/18 \$48 per adult (discounts for children & Seniors)
 - 5/31 DooWop Reunion at the Izod Center, through Mt Olive \$38 Bus Leaves ITC at 3:30pm
- Other:
 - *Jim F. asked how the Sports Association meeting on 2/26 went. Jill reviewed the major topics covered and that most of the sports groups seemed to be on-board with the delay of field prep/opening, and rec department policies. All were informed about the Sports Summit at that meeting as well.*
 - *Memorial Day Parade is May 26, Line up at CMS at 9am, parade begins at 10am. This year is the 30th anniversary of the parade, and Bill & Linda Sohl's last year on the committee. A bugler, bagpiper, MOHS Jazz band and marching band will be participating. Email invitations to the area service organizations will be going out soon. The sports groups are also welcome to march.*
 - *Mary mentioned a Fish & Chips dinner at St. Jude's for Tuesday 3/18.*

- **Continuing Concerns**

- Suggestions for future programming, facilities, special events,
- Community Service recommendations for Spring & summer
- Recommendations for Agenda – *please e-mail me!*

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue)
Pi Day Promotion (yellow)

Jan & Feb Monthly Reports (tan)
Sports Summit (salmon)

Mount Playmore Sponsor Form (Green)
Spring Brochure