

## RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes May 6, 2015

Next Meeting: September 3, 2015 7pm and November 4, 2015

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

### - Committee Reports:

- o Open Space: Jim Farley: No report
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds: Jim Lynch: No report

### New Business:

1. Valley Brook Park: Equestrian Center RFP going out next week – *Opening date 6/17/15*
2. Fingerprint background check ordinance in process – *was approved by council will become effective for January 1, 2016. Jill will work with MOPD to develop a procedure for the sports groups and other recreation program staff.*
3. Summer brochure is being worked on and will go to print tomorrow for distribution in schools by May 22

### Old Business

- o Ideas of amenities/facilities to add to TBP to "Finish it Out"
  - o *Wooden sign boards as kiosks with a map of the park and a "You are here" spot At every parking lot (Similar to Chubb Park)*
  - o *Have an LED sign board at the beginning of the loop road*
  - o *Ampitheater – to promote the arts, concerts, plays. Show mobile is a good alternative to meet this need.*
  - o *Develop more parking*
  - o *Memorial Walk with donated benches and trees, like Horseshoe Lake*
  - o *Build a "Safety Town" type learn to bike course around a track shape with a ropes course in the middle.(NJ Family Magazine had an article about the 10 Best Playgrounds which identified ropes and cargo nets as popular components.*
- o Update on Splashpad and Fishing Pier:
  - o *Splashpad: Bids sent out, Opening on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Equipment has been received. Equipment Inventory scheduled for May 27.*
  - o *Fishing Dock: Order was placed 4/29 with an expected 8-9 weeks before it arrives. Beach lifeguard and swim equipment to be sold in June, since Budd Lake Beach will no longer be operated as a public recreation bathing area.*
- o Recreation's Monthly Reports for March

### Events:

1. Lego Party 3/29 994 attendees! Already making plans for 2016!
2. Do or Dye 5 K 4/25 600+ registrants – Planning on changing the event for 2016 (Cycle through 3 different events to keep it "fresh")
3. PowerWheels 5/7-28 – Starts tomorrow, about half the registrants as last year
4. Fairy & Pirate Festival 5/16 – 30+ vendors and sponsors
5. Food Trucks & Fireworks 5/16 – 14 food vendors plus additional sponsors and beer garden. Need a band to play from 5-7pm *was rescheduled on May 14 to be held on August 29<sup>th</sup>, due to the forecast for strong thunderstorms and high winds.*
6. Farmer's Market Opening Day 6/6 – moved to Turkey Brook Park
7. Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run 6/20 – couple of new obstacles!
8. Carnival 7/8-12 – Hours slightly changed: Fri & Sat close at 12am, Sun close at 8pm. Working on layout now
9. Movies in the Park: 7/24 MegaMind, 7/31 How to Train Your Dragon, 8/7 Monsters vs Aliens (need advertisers to show before movie starts)
10. Wet & Wild 8/2 – adding more activities and sponsors \$5 donation requested
11. Touch a Truck 8/29
12. Starry Skies 9/27 – Wine & Beer Festival – **need help coordinating!** *Aaron volunteered to work with a friend on the beer aspect. Amanda volunteered her husband for the wine aspect.*
13. Farmer's Market end of Season party 10/17
14. Monster Mash 3K 10/24
15. Blanket & Coat Drive 11/1-18
16. CandyLand 12/13

### Trips

Yankees trips 5/22 and 9/9

- Other:

- *For Flanders Park – Have a toddler playground as well as a school age child playground*
- *Hold a Fishing Contest – via Photo next to a sign at the fishing dock showing the size of the fish. Have area businesses donate gift cards. Run contest on Facebook*
- *Place the fishing dock in an area that will attract fish – perhaps when Christmas trees are collected for disposal, some can be put in the lake near the fishing pier for an attractive habitat.*
- *Aerial photos of our parks – contact Larry or Kevin about asking a HS student being able to operate a drone to take photos*
- *Dave Kopyra offered to provide a Go Pro for recording the Mud Run*
- *For Power Wheels, add a rumble strip and ramp*
- *Develop a “rewards” program to encourage people to participate in Rec programs/events – a point system for the “frequent shopper”*
- *Sell a season pass (discounted) for participating in several events*
- *For Monster Mash, add a stroller decorating contest*
- *Work on a phone app – Is there one that already works well? Ask a HS tech student to build an app*

- **Continuing Concerns**

- Suggestions for future programming, facilities, special events
  - Hold a large craft festival
  - Hold/rent activity field for an Irish festival
  - Do a multi-cultural event
- Community Service recommendations for Summer
- Recommendations for Agenda – *please e-mail me!*

**Enclosures:**

RAC Minutes (blue)      Recreation Monthly Report (Salmon)