

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 24, 2016 7:30pm

A. Gabrielle called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Members: John Hunt, Mark Toman, Ken Groel, Bill Quinn, Matt Miller, Mellissa Adams
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine, Betty Ann Forte

C. Minutes Approval:

1. Mark made a motion: **The minutes from April 27th, 2016 Recreation Committee is approved.**
John seconded the motion. All approved.
2. The minutes for June 2016 were not approved because there were not enough members at this meeting attending June meeting present to approve it. To be approved in September

D. Correspondence –None

E. Old Business

1. Facility Update-The softball fields held up great this summer. Lacrosse and Flag Football will be using Hillcrest Park, Holland Brook School fields and trying to avoid using Three Bridges fields. Rec & Travel Soccer will be using Summer Road and Travel will use lights for practice week nights at Hillcrest Park. The Knights of Columbus would like to have bocce tournaments at Hillcrest Park, but the bocce court was not built correctly and they wanted to know if the Rec Committee would be willing to fix it. The Recreation Department received a quote for fixing the court at a cost \$3,450.00. The Knights of Columbus have offered to make a donation to help fix it. After some discussion it was decided to repair the court and promote it and advertise bocce clinics and try to build it up use with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus.

The Recreation committee requested that Gabrielle send a letter to baseball reminding them they would be charged full fee for 2017 facility use of Cornhuskers and Pickell fields and request a recommendation for portable mounds for Cornhuskers. The Rec Committee discussed the lack of activity on the Cornhusker fields after baseball season is over, and the need for DPW to keep up with maintenance.

2. Summer Camp Update- Patti reported the 6 week summer camp program attendance was higher than last year and went very well. She is going to develop a teen program for next summer to run with daily trips. Gabrielle reported the August summer programs went well.

3. Sports Bid: Gabrielle reported the bids are in progress and should be complete in September.

4. Fall Program Registration: Recreation Soccer registration is being done online this fall. The early bird special worked well. Flag Football is still using their old web site for registration. The Fright Fest Soccer Tournament registration is being done with checks. Soccer and Flag Football currently have about 150 in each sport.

5. Web Site Update: There is still work to be done on the sports section. There is a lot of work for each sport to get done.

E. New Business:

1. Friends of Readington Recreation- In the past the Recreation Committee discussed creating a nonprofit 501 C-3 accounts to set up to help with fund raising and getting grants and to establish corporate sponsorships. Gabrielle asked the Rec Committee if they would like to form a subcommittee to explore the option. Mark, Melissa, John, Sharon, Gabrielle will be the subcommittee and will come to September meeting with more information.

2. Travel Soccer- Travel Soccer only has 4 older teams and 3 younger teams playing this fall. They want to elect new officers but are having a poor turnout at their meetings. Fright Fest is scheduled for October 15th.

3. Next meeting September 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

F. Other Business- Memorial Benches and Trees. Betty Ann suggested the Rec Committee work with Open Space on this project and decide with them locations, prices, and kinds of trees. It was suggested there be Memorial plaque at the municipal building for this.

G. Closing- Mark made a motion: ***Readington Recreation meeting for August 24th, 2016 is adjourned at 9:15 PM.*** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.