

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:30pm

**A. Sharon Bobnar-Becker called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.**

**B. Attendance:**

1. Committee Members: John Hunt, Mark Toman, Melissa Adams
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine, Betty Ann Forte

**C. Minutes Approval:**

1. Mark made a motion: **The minutes from June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Recreation Committee be approved.**
2. Mark made at motion: **The minutes from August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Recreation Committee be approved**  
The minutes for June 2016 and August 2016 were not approved because there were not enough members at this meeting attending September meeting present to approve it. The motions need to be seconded and approved by Recreation Committee members through emails.

**D. Correspondence –None**

**E. Old Business**

1. **Memorial Benches & Trees-**Vita has asked the Recreation Committee to work with Open Space Committee and to go forward with this project now. There needs to be put in place a tree plan as to what kind of trees to plant, and where to plant them. They need to be planted and have wire put around them to keep animals away from them. Gabrielle suggested contacting Mike Sullivan about what kind of trees will survive the best in this area and where to put them. She will look into this.
2. **Sports Bid-** The sports bid is now complete for next 3 years. It has been awarded to USA Sports.
3. **Fall Program Registration:** Recreation Soccer has about 160 players and Flag Football has about 150 players. There are 3 Field Hockey teams and 1 Girls 7<sup>th</sup> \* 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lacrosse Team. Friday night basketball is full except for Grades 6-8.
4. **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. There are new photos on it. Gabrielle was going to ask Ken to help with sports section since he has done lacrosse.
5. **Friends of Readington Recreation-** Vita said there could be a Friends of Readington but could not be run by a staff member of township. For it to work there will be a need to have a firewall between recreation and the public. At this point there isn't a real demand for it.

**F. New Business**

1. **Travel Basketball-** Tryouts will be next week but 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be this week. Then practice will start in October.
2. **Fright Fest Tournament-** It is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Summer Road Park. They are trying to get teams to sign up now.
3. **Dog Park-** Gabrielle reported there have been some complaints about some people not controlling their dogs. There is 2 options -One is to get an ordinance to define what aggressive dog behavior is and what rules we need to address and Two drop the charge of \$25.00 a year registration fee and just let it stand as an open dog park . Registration is due in January, 2017. The committee is going to think about it and talk about it next meeting again.
4. **5 Year Plan-Capital Improvements-** At the next meeting there will be a discussion of priorities for next 5 years and for the capital for 2017. The first thing is the Basketball Courts as Summer Road and second is the playground at Pickell Park needs to be replaced. Gabrielle also mentioned the need to repair fencing at Hillcrest Park both at the soccer fields and the softball fields. She is getting a quote from York Fencing. Also

the bocce court needs to be fixed. Patti brought up the parking problem at Summer Road is becoming grit locked on Saturday mornings. It was suggested to use the concrete barriers or organize 200 parking spaces.

**5. Next Meeting- October 26, 2016.**

**F. Other Business- Readington Tewksbury Junior Baseball League-** They was unable to come to this meeting. Gabrielle will call them and make a specific date to meet with them before recreation's next meeting. They need to be presented with their costs for their budget. The committee already agreed on a price for baseball.

**G. Closing-** Mark made a motion: ***Readington Recreation meeting for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is adjourned at 9:45 PM.*** John seconded it. All were in favor.

