

KINNELON RECREATION COMMISSION
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Minutes January 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Kinnelon Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:45 PM by Jim Tilton on Wednesday January 14, 2015 in the Kinnelon Municipal Building.

Melanie Schuckers read the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act which stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by advertising in the December 28, 2014 edition of the Trends and was also provided to the Star Ledger, Daily Record and the North Jersey Herald News on January 9, 2015.

The roll was called and present and answering were Commissioners Jeanne Armstrong, Dana Jacko, Rick Millis, Jim Tilton, Ray Wolak, and Bob Scorzo. Absent were Mike Airey, Don Burnett and Councilman Jim Freda.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present

OLD BUSINESS AND CURRENT PROGRAMS

Melanie Schuckers gave a **Winter Sports** report. All programs have begun. Jim Tilton and M. Schuckers were present for opening day of the Junior Colts Clinic the previous Saturday. All facility custodians have been going above and beyond to help out the recreation programs. M. Schuckers has made adjustments to basketball schedules to accommodate other programs. It was agreed that teams be made up of at least 9 players so that drastic adjustments are not needed to accommodate these teams to avoid forfeits. M. Schuckers promised to contact the Stonybrook custodians to make sure that the dividing wall is put up for all the younger programs.

Report on Lacrosse Registration: Numbers are good for this early into the registration. Bob Scorzo discussed how and who will decide on coaches for the various levels of boys lacrosse. M. Schuckers said she will contact Mike C. and provide a list of coaches at the next meeting.

Recreation Website: The launch of a new recreation website will be postponed since the town will now be launching their new redesigned website within the next 3-4 months. The Recreation Page(s) will be included in the new design. M. Schuckers has been in various webinars with the council technology committee learning new designs and features.

Competition Cheerleading Mat Request Update: It was decided by the commission that they could not honor the request for a new mat because the competition cheerleading team is similar to the many traveling teams in Kinnelon. The Recreation Commission does not financially support traveling teams, but it was agreed that if they held a fundraiser, we would promote it in any way they can.

NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Election of Recreation Commission Chairperson for 2015: Commissioner Rick Millis was elected as the 2015 Recreation Commission Chairperson. Jim Tilton, 2014 Chairperson made the motion to elect R. Millis. Kevin Goldstein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. There were no nominations for Vice Chairperson. Jim Tilton was thanked for all the great contributions he made during 2014 as the Recreation Chairperson.

Summer Camp Report: M. Schuckers is in the midst of making plans for this summer's camp. There was discussion about extending the day and also about raising the price this year. It currently cost \$250 for the 3 week option. That is \$83 per week, \$16.66 per day or \$4.75 per hour. M. Schuckers will bring a full proposal to the February or March meeting for a vote. She also discussed field trips and building a criteria for counselors. Discussion ensued regarding what types of kids should be allowed to be counselors and also about a post-evaluation process.

Letter from Resident: M. Schuckers received a letter from a resident looking for gym-time and other activities for HS aged kids. There was discussion about who would be watching over the kids, who would be responsible, etc. M. Schuckers mentioned a summer "teen adventure" series she wants to run this summer. She will also call the resident back to discuss the open gym request and suggest she call Scott Rosenberg regarding utilizing the gym right after school.

Equipment Return: M. Schuckers will hold an *amnesty day* for equipment and uniform return on a Saturday morning. Time and Date TBD.

Pickle Ball: Jeanne Armstrong spoke about adding a pickle ball league for adults. The game could be played/lined on any court surface. Her suggestion is down at the municipal complex basketball court. The goal is to plan and promote for this spring.

Softball Request: A number of traveling softball parents had requested that their daughters not be required to play recreation softball. Dana Jacko gave a report regarding merging with Montville for softball. Kinnelon Recreation will be playing in a 2 town league with Montville. That will allow for larger teams and a new twist to help resurge recreation softball. Traveling softball players will still be required to register and play for the recreation teams.

Baseball Field Use Request: A resident that coaches a non-Kinnelon traveling baseball team has requested field time. Mike Airey will be looking to see if we can accommodate this at all. But it will not be accommodated until all Kinnelon teams are scheduled on the fields.

Spring Registration: All other spring sports other than lacrosse will begin registration by the end of this week.

Recreation Ordinance: M. Schuckers handed out a copy of the Recreation Ordinance that Councilman Cliff Giantonio has written. Commissioners were asked to read the ordinance over and have any comments ready for the February meeting when Commissioners Giantonio and Freda will be present.

Amendment to December 17, 2014 Minutes: A motion was made by Dana Jacko and Seconded by Jeanne Armstrong to amend the December 17, 2014 minutes to report that Bob Scorzo was in attendance. All were in favor.

Approval of December 17, 2014 Minutes: Commissioner Dana Jacko made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Ray Wolak. All were in favor.

Adjournment: Jeanne Armstrong made a motion to adjourn at approximately 9:45PM, it was seconded by Jim Tilton. All were in favor.

Minutes prepared by Melanie Schuckers