

## Minutes, August 19, 2015 – Kinnelon Recreation Commission Meeting

Sunshine Notice Read and meeting called to order at 7:38 PM

Roll Call: Present were Jeanne Armstrong, Don Burnett, Kevin Goldstein, Dana Jacko, Rick Millis, Jim Tilton, Ray Wolak and Councilman James Freda. Absent was Mike Airey and Bob Scorzo.

Resident Jason Vitale was also in attendance. Came to observe.

Rick Millis acknowledged 16U championship team and sportsmanship award.

Summer Camp Update: Reported as a real success. Dana Jacko said her daughter, Sierra, a counselor, came home with a concussion. Was not reported, thankfully she was OK. Better training needed for counselors, but they did well. All counselors did self-evaluations. It was reported that the day was too long for both the children and counselors. A committee will be formed for the future to decide next year. It is thought that doing 4 weeks (2 sessions) until 1:00 pm. Our head counselors were good, but Melanie felt it was important to be visible. Recommended to give more responsibility to the 2 head counselors. Age differences were sometimes a difficulty. Programs worked well for age groups. Would definitely run more programs for the kids and add a couple more field trips. More counselors needed also. A better system for discipline should be instituted.

Soccer Registrations: No senior girls' team. Options given for refund, credit, etc. Other registrations are up. Still need coaches. Surprisingly the oldest boys' level had more coaches than needed.

Concussion sheet now needed for the high school field. BOE requirement. Football practice field renovation plans should be approved tomorrow night. Practices will be going across the street at the HS. Long roll blue grass sod will be used after renovation. Should be usable by spring. Definitely a level of sacrifice for football, but it will be worth it. Jim Freda recommended putting a snow fence up to keep people out. Scoreboard against the dumpster is still there. Who should it go to? Jim Freda will find out who wants it back. Could we use the scoreboard for our use? Softball Scoreboard is almost done. One last electrician visit.

Mike Airey resigned-his letter or recommendation was read. Jeanne Armstrong is the first alternate and would be moved to a voting commissioner. Jeanne Armstrong accepted being a voting commissioner. Opening for an alternate. Melanie will write an advertisement and bring to the next meeting. We should consider not only sports people but those interested in other recreational activities.

There was a discussion about partnering with the library further-co-sponsorship would be best. Sam Pharo hired new people to help run better programs. Their facility for programs is better.

Bloomingtondale Request: Grandparents that live in Kinnelon with Bloomingtondale granddaughter want to enroll her in soccer. Unfortunately they cannot, but perhaps something to look at next year to get more girls involved.

No plans to open the soccer stand right now. Melanie will check with the Kinnelon Soccer Club. Melanie will also send a note out to see if any parent can run it and look at other options.

Soccer training – US Sports Institute will run a soccer clinic for all players and coaches. This is in an effort to help new coaches that might be afraid to coach because they don't know the game that well. It will be a season opener on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Melanie will work with Bob Scorzo to review program charges and make recommendations to raise some fees in 2016.

Background checks, will look at lists of coaches. Jeanne will schedule a Rutgers clinic. Melanie would like to institute the online concussion certification for coaches. It is free-and a number of reputable organizations have it available for youth coaches.

Jeanne Armstrong would like to have a Fall Basketball Clinic. The cost would be \$50 per person, Melanie to check on gymnasium ability.

Softball 16U team won the World Series in Florida. It was promoted in town play by play on the town Facebook page, on the electronic sign and on the website. It was questioned why out of towners were on the team. The team was within the Leagues Rules, many older teams have trouble fielding a town only team and are allowed to supplement it. Jim Freda asked if they would like to be honored at the next Mayor and Council Meeting, Dana said she didn't think they would want to do that. That the young kids have already moved on.

The town's new website is working well. The Recreation Page is being updated regularly. There is a facilities check list and work order form available. A resident has already requested that dogs be kept off of KRP. Melanie spoke with the police chief about it and responded to the resident.

Kfest is on Saturday, September 26. Melanie will have a recreation table with games and prizes. There was discussion about doing something for volunteers on that day.

The May 13, 2015 minutes. Ray Wolak made the motion to approve, it was seconded by Jim Tilton. All were in favor. They were unanimously approved.

The July 9, 2015 minutes. Dana Jacko made the motion to approve, it was second by Don Burnett. All were in favor. They were unanimously approved.

A motion was made to end the meeting at 9:25 pm by Jim Tilton, it was seconded by Kevin Goldstein. All were in favor. It was unanimously approved.