

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 16, 2015 7:30pm

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

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Members: Bill Quinn, Melissa Adams, Matt Miller, Ken Groel, Mark Toman, John Hunt, Sharon Bobnar-Becker
2. Township Officials: Tom Auriemma, Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine
3. Guest: Jacqueline Villa, David Armstrong

C. Minutes Approval:

1. Ken made a motion: *The minutes from the August 26th 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.* Melissa seconded it. All were in favor.

D. Local Rec Department Comparison-Presentation given by Jacqueline Villa, intern

Jacqueline handed out a booklet she did on comparing Readington Recreation to local townships (Clinton, Flemington, Branchburg, Hillsborough, Somerville, Bridgewater and Basking Ridge).

She compared summer recreation camp, weekly summer camps, variety of programs, marketing strategies and the registration process. She discussed them all with the committee and concluded that Readington offers a wide variety of programs all reasonably priced for all ages. The area that they could improve on is the registration process by offering online registration.

E. Concern made by Dave Armstrong, girls lacrosse coach, about the conditions of the fields.

Dave reported the fields were not being mowed low enough and sometimes only mowed where the lines were. Parents complain to him the high grass is a danger to falls and Lyme disease. Gabrielle will report Mr. Armstrong's concerns to DPW.

F. Old Business

1. Online Registration –Gabrielle gave out copies of a proposal to how we want the online registration to look and how we want it set up. There was a discussion about what information should be contained on the home page. It was decided to form a subcommittee to work on finalizing this network. Ken, Melissa, and Sharon volunteered to work with Gabrielle on the project.

2. Facility Update–Cornhuskers will get fence along the side of the parking lot to deter dumping. Gabrielle presented to the committee a map of the proposed changes to Cornhuskers to accommodate lacrosse and flag football fields. New infield mix that contains more clay than sand to help keep the fields drier and more playable has been ordered. Gabrielle ordered enough to do 3 fields at Summer and 2 at Hillcrest for this fall and hope to do the rest this spring.

3. Fall Registration– Gabrielle reported fall registration went well. Soccer has started and so has Flag Football. Travel Basketball is having tryouts in a week and may need two additional coaches depending upon try out numbers. Melissa is organizing try outs and is working with coaches.

G. New Business:

1. **The Next Meeting** will be October 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building and will begin with an executive session.

H. Closing– John made a motion: *Readington Recreation meeting for September 16th, 2015 is adjourned at 9:53 PM.* Matt seconded it. All were in favor.