

READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 26th, 2015 7:30pm

A. Gabrielle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

B. Attendance:

- C.** 1. Committee Members: Bill Quinn, Melissa Adams, Matt Miller, Ken Groel, Mark Toman
2. Township Officials: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Patti Marcine
3. Guest: Jacqueline Villa, Robert Becker

D. Minutes Approval:

1. Mark made a motion: ***The minutes from the June 24th 2015 Recreation Committee Meeting is approved.*** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.

E. Correspondence: Kathleen Jaeger sent thank you letter for her scholarship from recreation.

F. Presentation of the Forestry Management Plan prepared by the Open Space Committee-

Robert Becker from the Open Space Committee wanted to thank the recreation committee for the initiative to take care of our trees in Readington. In 2011 the open space committee was able to get a grant to subsidize to hire a consultant to help manage the trees. The consultant wants to make a 10 year plan with what the economic impact will be on our township with the committee. The Open Space Committee will make a subcommittee to include the consultant, a trained public employee, open space committee members and a couple recreation committee members. Robert asked for volunteers and Mark Toman and Bill Quinn volunteered. Gabrielle will attend the meetings. They will meet once a month for 1 year and will inventory what needs work in the parks and trails and roads. They will also look into where we need trees and the safety of our present tree locations. The committee would then like to make Forest Hill preserved for education about trees.

G. Old Business

1. Online Registration –James Colucci will meet Friday with anyone that can make the meeting to go over what we want to put in the website and how we want it to be addressed. The website should be ready to be set up and running by January 2016 for our spring sports and programs. The committee suggested there be a working calendar that can be updated as needed including town events as well as committee events and sports.

2. Summer Camp Update-Gabrielle reported there was 185 campers involved in various camps in August which was an increase of 50 kids from last year and only 31% came from our 6 week summer camp in June/July. She reported we now have 2 tennis teams and a 5th & 6th grade lacrosse playing in a tournament.

3. Facility Update- Gabrielle reported the dirt pile at Cornhuskers Park is cleaned up. Hillcrest Park 1 and 2 have been seeded a week ago. They are getting ready for fall ball with all the fields.

G. New Business:

1. Fall brochure/Postcard-Fall brochure has been out and so is the September newsletter (sent out early to get registrations done for fall sports) Postcards were send out for distribution 2 weeks ago.

2. Fall registration. It is slow due to Labor Day being late and schools starting late.

3. Next Meeting will be September 16th, 2015 (a week earlier because of High School back to school night being Sept. 23rd)

I. Closing- Mark made a motion: ***Readington Recreation meeting for August 26, 2015 is adjourned at 8:53 PM.*** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.