

# RECREATION COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

**June 26, 2014**

Present: Mr. Salvatore Cortese, Chairman (arrived at 7:55PM)  
Mr. Kevin Bodnar  
Mr. Michael Breslin  
Mrs. Jan McCabe  
Mrs. Maureen McEntee (arrived at 7:40PM.)  
Mr. Gerard Sittmann, Vice Chairman

Absent: Mrs. Maggie Slawinski

Present: Karleen Leahey, Recreation Director  
Sheryl McNichol, Events Coordinator  
Councilwoman Laurie Fu

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Sittmann called the meeting to order. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been posted and published in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Sittmann opened the meeting to the public to speak on matters other than those on the agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Sittmann requested that all members review the minutes of the Commission's May 22, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Mrs. McCabe moved that the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Bodnar Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

### **RECREATION DIRECTORS' REPORT – JUNE 2014**

Mrs. Leahey presented the Recreation Director's Report for June 2014.

**Rutgers Safety Training** – Mrs. Leahey provided a status update on this matter. An instructor from Rutgers will be hired by Mr Hoey to come to the Community Center. There is a minimum number of participants who must register (Mrs. Leahey believes it is between 20 and 25 registrants.) She advised Mr Hoey to invite the other sports organizations and she advised to put it on the web site. She said the

\$90 instructor fee would be paid plus \$30 per person. Out-of-town participants need to pay for themselves. She explained to him how to request payment. The class is scheduled to be held on August 26, 2014 at the Community Center (which has been reserved).

**Fall Recreation Programs** – Mrs. Leahey advised she has been contacted by Computer Explorers about a program that could be offered as part of the recreation programs. While the program is a bit pricey, it appears that it would be a very good program. The vendor will be in to talk with her about this program.

Cross discussion about what may be similar programs that are already offered as after-school programs at the Borough School.

Mrs. Leahey will check further on the Borough School programs before going further with the Computer Explorers offering and will report back to the Commission.

**Community Park Pool** – Mrs. Leahey reported that the Pool membership has increased since the last meeting, probably due to the warmer weather.

**Summer Camp** – Mrs. Leahey reported that there are now a total of 300 campers – an increase from the 268 number provided at the last meeting. The enhancements plus camp has resulted in \$80,000. Everything is ready for the camp program.

**Summer Recreation Fitness Programs** – Mrs. Leahey reported these will be held on every Tuesday in July. She provided details about the various fitness programs available. All classes have more than the minimum number of participants needed.

**Family Day** – Mrs. Leahey has given these checks to Mr. Bodnar.

**Summer Concert Series** – Mrs. Leahey has given these checks to Sheryl.

**Aqua-Aerobics** – Mrs. Leahey reported this program starts on July 9, 2014. Mr. Sittmann has all the preparations made. She has made flyers and advertising for the program.

**Senior Picnic** – Preparations are underway for this event. She has made flyers and advertising for the program.

**Borough School Roof Construction** – Mrs. Leahey advised of this construction during the summer. Due to this program participants will need to enter through the gymnasium. All instructors of programs being held at the Borough School have been notified of this change; hopefully this will not cause any problems/disruptions.

**Summer Theater** – Mrs. Leahey reported she met with Joe today to discuss this program. One of the programs may be held outside if this can be arranged and determined to be workable, financially and logistically. She is thinking that if this

won't work, perhaps a short presentation (a sneak preview) could be done in conjunction with one of the summer concert shows. The show this year is Shakespeare's *Midsummer's Night Dream*. A total of 27 signed up for Summer Theater. She will be discussing this program further with Mrs. Slawinski. The shows will be held on July 31 and August 1. She asked that the Commission members give some thoughts to these ideas and let her know.

## **REPORT OF CHERYL MC NICHOL, EVENTS COORDINATOR – JUNE 2014**

### **Senior Picnic**

Ms. McNichol provided additional information concerning the Senior Picnic. Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Slawinski, Mrs. Leahey, and she have had a meeting about this event. Much of the supplies and some food have been ordered and was delivered Wednesday (yesterday) from Shop-Rite. The remaining food order will be placed sooner to the picnic.

### **Splash Party**

Ms. McNichol advised that for this event they probably will order platters of sandwiches from Shop-Rite. She is not certain whether the sandwiches can be delivered on a Saturday; if not, she offered to pick them up. There is also the possibility of having pizza, too. She thinks there can be both. The pizza would be ordered from Lovey's.

### **Summer Concert Series**

Ms. McNichol advised she will be on vacation beginning July 3 and returning on July 12. As a result, she will miss the first concert and asked if one of the members will be able to attend.

Brief cross discussion that at least one member will make an effort to attend this July 12 concert and review of several other concert procedure issues such as arriving at least one half hour prior to the start of the concert for set up and to be able to stay afterward for clean up.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **Family Day**

Mr. Bodnar reported they are ready for Family Day; everything has been worked out. He advised the rides will arrive at 2:00 p.m. People generally begin setting up at about 3:00 p.m. The animals will arrive at about 4:00 p.m.; he advised the people bringing them to move slowly around the area where the dedication and excavation will be being held. He advised that Commission members should plan to arrive around 4:45 p.m.

Cross discussion about the excavation of the time capsule as well as the new one to be buried as well as some additional details about the Family Day activities, members who will be available for this event, locations of certain items, parking

issues, arrangements with the fire and police departments, drop off of canopies, tables for the clowns, and related information, mostly about when certain activities should and should not take place and extra tables that would be available.

Mrs. Leahey advised that the sports organizations receive the vouchers after Family Day. She asked that she be advised if any of the Commission members hear of any group that participated but does not receive a voucher.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Cross discussion about what Rotary has done for Little League (signs) and possibly other support they have offered.

**Basketball League** – This program begins this Monday (June 30, 2014). The numbers are good. Additional information provided concerning wrist bands, extra payment, and use of Pool and the snack bar. A check will come back from Basketball for this.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **VOUCHERS**

Mr. Breslin moved that the vouchers be approved, seconded by Mr. Bodnar. Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Breslin asked if any monetary compensation has yet been received from Morris United or Lacrosse.

Councilwoman Fu advised she had spoken with Mrs. Coffey today and she stated she believed Lacrosse had put it in, but was not 100 percent certain of this. She also asked if the Camp is using Central Park at all.

The conclusion was that the use of Central Park was not able to be worked out, apparently due to monetary payment issues and possibly other issues, too.

Cross discussion about the use of the Greystone Park/Central Park and some of the problems that have been occurring since the parks opened, including the County possibly instituting some amount of “free time” use of the parks.

There was also discussion about recycling bins at various locations and the problem of the public at large sometimes depositing items in these bins.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business, Mr. Bodnar moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. McCabe Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Maureen Sullivan  
Recording Secretary

Karleen Leahey  
Commission Secretary

