

Recreation Commission Meeting 1/27/11

Present on roll call: Salvatore Cortese, Gerard Sittmann, Jan McCabe, Janelle Swift, Kevin Bodnar.

Also: Recreation Director Joyce Schlosser & Councilwoman Sue McCluskey

Chairman Cortese called the meeting to order, led the Flag salute, read the Open Public Meetings Act Sunshine Notice.

Chairman Cortese read the Recreation Commission Resolution; all voted in favor.

Mr. Cortese opened the meeting for nominations for Chairperson, Mr. Sittmann nominated Mr. Cortese, Mr. Bodnar seconded the nomination. No other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor, yea; Mr. Cortese - abstain.

Mr. Cortese then opened the meeting for nominations for Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Swift nominated Mr. Sittmann, Mrs. McCabe seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Nominations closed. All in favor, yea. Mr. Sittmann abstain

Mr. Cortese greeted Celine Martin from U.S. Sports Institute. Ms. Martin presented information about the various programs USSI offers, including year round tennis, and specifically about the 7-week spring tennis program sponsored by USSI which would begin registration on April 18th. Ms. Martin. She also offered information about the summer camp USSI programs. Commissioners decided they would like to offer the spring program; Mr. Cortese asked Ms. Martin to give him the material she brought so that the Commission could prepare for registration and thanked Ms. Martin for coming to the meeting on such a snowy evening.

Mrs. Swift made a Motion to approve the December 9, 2010 minutes; Mr. Bodnar seconded the Motion; all in favor, yea; opposed, none.

Commissioners discussed the change in the date for the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Breakfast to accommodate Little League Opening Day on April 16th. The breakfast and egg hunt will be schedule for April 9th. Mr. Cortese asked that the Little League Commission be notified that there should be no Little League activity during the Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast.

Mrs. Schlosser gave her report on the programs offered in the coming months. She requested help setting up for the Personal Safety Seminar which will be given on Feb. 23rd at the Community Center by Sgt. Michael Korosky and Ptl. Thomas Keane.

CPR and Babysitting courses will be offered on March 14th. 11 + years @ 4:00 p.m.; adults @ 7:00 p.m.

The Commissioners reviewed the flyers for the programs - very professional.

Discussion of Pool membership registration form which will be included in the next two issues of Plains Talk. Mr. Sittmann announced that a banner would also be placed at the entrance to Borough School. The pool booklets will be available at Town Hall and at the Community Center and on line. They will not be mailed out. The registration form will be mailed to out of town members.

Discussion about the volunteer recognition event - where it should be held and when. Information had been obtained about the use of the VFW Hall; suggestion was made to inquire about holding it at Coco Pazzo, with a cover charge and an open bar. Mr. Cortese offered that the Commissioners should recognize the Volunteer of the Year, whether or not the event is held. Mr. Jack Cox was the previous

winner a couple of years ago. Mrs. McCabe volunteered to send letters to the various sports organizations for nomination for Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. McCabe will report further next meeting.

Commissioners volunteered to chair the various Recreation Commission events:

Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast - Jan McCabe, Janelle Swift & Maggie Slawinski

Family Day - Kevin Bodnar and Mike Breslin

Sr. Picnic - Janelle Swift, Jan McCabe, Maggie Slawinski, Sal Cortese

Halloween Parade - discussion that the Commission would purchase glow sticks and assist the Fire Department.

Bonfire - Sal Cortese

Mr. Cortese reported that Katie Bezold has agreed to take the position of Summer Camp Director. He will speak with Darka Mosuriak to determine if she will return as assistant to Mrs. Bezold. Commissioners Cortese, Sittmann, McCabe and Slawinski will be liaisons to the Summer Camp program. Commissioner Sittmann will be liaison to the Pool and Football. Commissioner Cortese will be liaison to Lacrosse and Soccer, & Babe Ruth teams. Commissioner Bodnar will be liaison to basketball and Little League.

Mr. Cortese reported that he is already getting requests for the use of fields - the spring soccer program is growing by leaps and bounds. He will look into grants for improvement of fields at Simons Park and Watnong Park. The outfield at Memorial Field would need improvement - grass worn from fall soccer.

Discussion about purchasing food and supplies for Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast - what is the procedure - can we use credit cards and be reimbursed? Order ahead of time from Walmart - then they will not accept tax ID number - purchases must be made 4-6 weeks ahead to assure they are received timely. Councilwoman McCluskey will meet with Mr. Banks about the procedures to be followed and will report back to the Commission. Mrs. Swift requested Mrs. McCluskey determine if the budgeted amount for the Bunny Breakfast would be available without the budget being passed. Mrs. McCluskey reported that she believed it would be available but would confirm to Mrs. Swift.

Motion was made by Mr. Sittmann and seconded by Mrs. Swift to approve the vouchers. All in favor - aye. No one opposed. Meeting adjourned.