

# RECREATION COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

**April 25, 2013**

Present: Mr. Kevin Bodnar  
Mr. Salvatore Cortese, Chairman  
Mrs. Jan McCabe  
Mrs. Maureen McEntee (arrived 7:38 p.m.)  
Mr. Gerard Sittmann, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Maggie Slawinski

Absent: Mr. Michael Breslin

Present: Karleen Leahey, Recreation Director  
Councilwoman Laurie Fu

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Cortese 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. Cortese opened the meeting to the public to speak on matters other than those on the agenda. Hearing no comments, he closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Cortese requested that all members review the minutes of the Commission's March 14, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Sittmann moved that the minutes of the March 14, 2013 Regular Meeting be accepted as circulated, seconded by Mrs. Slawinski. Voice vote. All in favor.  
**Motion carried.**

Mr. Cortese reported on his recent meetings and field trips/observations trips.

Councilwoman Fu added commentary of her own regarding preparations for the upcoming summer recreation season.

Mr. Cortese advised that the Council wants the Commission to proceed with the concession stand regardless of anything else being planned for Pool renovations. He and one or two others will meet with the architect early next week in connection with the concession stand renovation.

Councilwoman Fu reported on discussions to possibly arrange for SLAP program participants to assist with some of the work that needs to be done.

Cross discussion about some of the specific projects work that need to be done, including power washing, budget allocations for certain work, painting work and who will be responsible for the various painting tasks, basketball hoops and new courts, and repainting existing basketball courts to make them be official courts.

### **RECREATION DIRECTORS' REPORT - April 2013**

Mrs. Leahey presented her Recreation Director's Report.

Mrs. Leahey provided an update to issues relating to various recreation programs. This included final totals for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" event, 2013 Summer Concert schedule, discussion concerning fall, 2013 recreation programs (Acrylic Art Program) and summer employee salary increases as well as an update regarding registrations for Summer, 2013 Recreation Programs.

Mr. Cortese advised he will discuss one or more of the cross discussion issues with the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer as soon as possible, hopefully tomorrow.

Additional discussion took place in connection with the matter of payment of annual contributions to the various (mostly) sports organization and how the full payment is "earned" through providing assistance at Family Day.

Mr. Cortese raised the subject of revisions to the 2014 Fee Schedule. He specifically stated the Commission should consider changes to the non-resident fees for the Pool.

Cross discussion, including the plans for the Senior Picnic; the Splash Party; plans for the food at these events; and logistical issues related to difficulty in estimating how many attendees will participate in the events, particularly the Splash Party.

Additional discussion occurred, some of which related to employee background checks, lifeguard recertification, recycling issues, computers, and training courses. .

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Basketball** – Mr. Bodnar presented a report on the basketball organization, including reporting on one or more meetings that were held recently, basic program(s), blueprints for original courts (in connection with the repainting that needs to be done to make the existing courts “official”, and related matters.

Cross discussion about some of the subjects raised in Mr. Bodnar’s report.

Cross discussion, including issues relating to signage; needing to meet with a representative from the Vo-Tech School; assistance needed for a specific need for coordination; issues relating to sport group sizes/whether a certain number of participants constitutes a team/pick-up games; sports equipment; field maintenance; general public use of open space/fields/play areas; and related matters.

Mr. Cortese made mention of Bob O’Brien and the needs of certain sports organizations.

Cross discussion pertaining to planning events; including that Mr. Sittmann and Mrs. Leahey commented on the process and the logistics of coordinating events.

Mr. Cortese asked Mrs. Leahey to schedule a meeting to discuss the overall subject of events planning; the Commission needs a plan. He also commented on the summer concert series and provided information on the kind of assistance he anticipates the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be able to give and will be responsible for. He requested a Commission member to be at the park to welcome attendees prior to the concerts. He stated Mrs. McEntee has volunteered to handle this responsibility for the first concert in July. He asked Councilwoman Fu if she thought any Council member would like to do this for another concert.

Next Mr. Cortese raised the topic of the Rutgers sports training course(s) remarking that the cost of a course is the same whether it is conducted in Morris Plains or in Cape May/Wildwood. He also commented on the use of the Borough School gymnasium.

Mr. Cortese asked Mrs. Leahey to send e-mails to the various sports organizations contacts reminding them of the need for certified adult participants. He asked that this be done sooner rather than later,

Cross discussion including issues relating to income statements; the checking off of certain boxes; responsibilities of Little League in connection with coaches, and calling Rutgers to request they look up some information.

**VOUCHERS FOR APPROVAL**

The Commission members reviewed the vouchers for approval, the ones in yellow.

Mr. Sittmann moved that the vouchers as presented be approved, seconded by Mrs. McCabe. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business, Mr. Sittmann moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Slawinski. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Karleen Leahey  
Commission Secretary

Maureen Sullivan  
Recording Secretary