

February 23, 2000

Nick Klecz, called the meeting of the Bound Brook Recreation Commission to order at 7:40 P.M. at Codrington Park field house. Mr. Klecz took roll call in the absence of a secretary.

PRESENT

Nick Klecz
George Pariso
Bones Marold
Ken Giacomini
Alan Beatty, Director

Pat Gleason
Rena Shivers
Ron Shubick
Matt Anderson

ABSENT

Bob Flanagan

Bones Marold moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. George Pariso seconded the motion. With no further additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was a letter from Mike Spinner requesting the commission to sponsor a girls Grade 5-6 soccer team in the Bridgewater Recreation Spring League. Rena Shivers spoke on behalf of the team and for the coaches, indicating that it is a league that will not cause the girls to have to choose between spring activities. The games will be played on Saturday mornings, and there will be no weeknight practices. Mr. Marold made a motion to allow the Bound brook players to play in the Bridgewater program. George Pariso seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mike also requested permission for a Middlesex Soccer team to practice at Billian Park. This is a traveling team for which about 10 Bound Brook players are playing this spring. The request asks for the field on Tuesdays and Fridays for practices. After some discussion, Mike was told to get more information about the team, its coaches and members and get back to us before final disposition can be made on this request.

OLD BUSINESS

There was recommendation that new curtains be purchased for the field house. After discussion, it was decided that new rods and curtains would be bought after the curtain committee makes a suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS

The softball committee met before the meeting and decided to inquire about entering teams in an age group league with other towns. All in attendance agreed that the emphasis of our In town League should be instruction rather than winning at all cost. Alan will check with Somerville Recreation and Bridgewater to find out about the old Missy League and how those towns are handling their girls softball programs. The committee also recommended that the In town teams be re-drafted and a player evaluation be held at the High School to further create an level playing field for all teams. It was also suggested that the commission schedule clinics for the softball players.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The winter programs are nearly at an end and the following numbers were reported by the supervisors- League Basketball- 3 Boys teams with about 30 players; 2 girls teams with about 20 players; Saturday basketball clinic- 25-35 players, but interest is waning; Open House basketball- about 20- 30 players weekly, but most of the players are older men; Wrestling- the season is over. There were 35-40 wrestlers, mostly younger athletes. The program did very well at the league tournament with 16 wrestlers winning trophies for their efforts.

Alan was informed that the FEMA dollars to fix the Tea Street fields would not be coming until May. In a meeting with Mayor Ryan, it was stated that the fields were needed by the beginning of April for the High School softball season. Mayor Ryan called Mr. Cilo, borough engineer, and promised to get the project underway at once so the fields would be ready for spring play.

There being no further business to be conducted, Mr. Pariso motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Shubick seconded the motion and the meeting was closed at 8:25 P.M.

*** Next meeting will be held on March 22, 2000 at 7:30 P.M.