

November 29, 2000

Nick Klecz, called the meeting of the Bound Brook Recreation Commission to order at 7:50 P.M. at Codrington Park field house. Mr. Klecz took roll call in the absence of a secretary.

PRESENT

Nick Klecz  
Ken Giacomini  
Ron Shubick  
Bones Marold  
  
Alan Beatty, Director

ABSENT

Pat Gleason  
Bob Flanagan  
Joni Kent  
Matt Anderson  
Rena Shivers  
George Pariso

Ron Shubick made a motion that the minutes from the October meeting be approved as presented. Ken Giacomini seconded the motion. With no further additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alan read a letter from Mayor Ryan to the High School Business Administrator informing them that Billian Legion Park baseball field would not be available for use next year due to the Green Brook Flood Control project. The letter had been sent, but the BBHS Athletic Department had not been alerted to the terms as of November 28<sup>th</sup>.

OLD BUSINESS

Alan Beatty presented a draft of the employment notice for the Pool Manager/ Park Director positions that will be open for the upcoming season due to the retirement of Rick Iacono after 30 years. A discussion followed about the wording of the ad. The commission felt that we should advertise for a Pool Manager separately from the Park Manager and divide the salaries that are appropriated according to the required duties of both positions. Ron Shubick once again spoke about upgrading our salary scale so that we can attract more applicants for the park and pool. Last season there was a shortage of employees, and the feeling is that our salaries are not competitive with the other industries in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Spinner was present to request that we sponsor two Spring Soccer teams that will compete in the Bridgewater League. Last season we had one team in the league and now Mike feels that there is enough interest to have both a 5-6 grade team and a 7-8 grade team. The commission's only concern was that the soccer program might pull some girls from our In- Town softball program. Mike told us that the league only plays on weekends and should not conflict with the softball which plays during the week. After discussion the commission responded favorably to the request.

New Business continued

Mike also reported on the Fall soccer. This year we had 122 kids playing- 49 girls and 73 boys on 3 girls' teams and 5 boys' teams in our program. Our numbers were down a bit from previous years, but the program continues to provide the opportunity to play. We were unable to have the soccer clinic this year because we were unable to find a Supervisor for the activity.

Tom Specian inquired about sign-up for the elementary basketball programs and was told that the registration had been held and the league would be playing in the Somerville Recreation area league.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

George Newland will be leaving the park staff as of 12/15. George has been an dedicated member of the staff for nearly 20 years. He will hard to replace and his position is key to the smooth running of the park year round. Alan will speak with Mr. Brodbeck about getting a replacement.

A representative for the United Gunnite Company will be at the park tomorrow (11/30) to inspect the pools and to see what can be done to repair them. Mayor Ryan had 3M Corporation look at the pool in August, and the estimate for repair was over \$100,000.

The budget was discussed and Alan asked that commission members give him any recommendations for park improvements.

We will be applying for a Community Block Grant from the county and some of the items recommended were for repair of the playing surface on the Codrington Park Tennis Courts; Upgrading the bathroom facility at Tea Street; Improvement of lighting in the pool bath houses; replacement of fencing along the perimeter of the park, especially along Grove Avenue; building tennis courts at Rock Machine property to better serve the community.

There being no further business to be conducted, Mr. Marold motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Shubick seconded the motion and the meeting was closed at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Beatty, Director

\*\*\* Next meeting will be held on January 24, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. This will be the Commission Reorganization meeting.