

August 22, 2007 Recreation Commission Meeting

The August 22, 2007 Recreation Meeting was called to order at 8:11 P.M. by Dave Wood. The meeting was held at the Ben Maggio Recreation Field House in Codrington Park. Roll Call was taken:

PRESENT:

Dom Longo	Dave Wood	Doreen Todaro	Jim Lefkowitz
Terry Hoben	Rena Shivers	Chrissy Gentile	Steve Morrissey

ABSENT:

Vin Capalbo	George Pariso	Dan Smith
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

August 31 the pool closes. Pool registration was up from last year and attendance at all activities through July was great. Everything slowed down a bit in August due to weather and vacations.

Tennis courts are complete and the mural is almost complete.

Thanks to Doreen for all her work and planning for the event nights.

Camps went well.

Concession stand went well. Already looking forward to expanding it next year. Five birthday parties this year. Money was made from the sale of guest badges.

There were filter issues. Nothing we could not handle.

The Firemen, the Softball teams and the Little League held their picnics at Codrington.

Wee People partnership with the Rec Commission. Two times a week and swim lessons in August were open to the children at Wee People. Guest badges were purchased by Wee People

There will be an oldies band at 5:00 this Sunday.

We applied for grants the last two years for renovations for the bathrooms but we did not get them. (see attached email) Floors are not pitched correctly and water sits. We would like to accomplish the bathroom renovation by next year.

Per Jim Lefkowitz: Bonding for exterior of the municipal building and security for the courtrooms. Maybe the bathrooms could be put into another bond.

County grants have not been approved yet. We have three bids on fields to fertilize/seed in October ranging from \$10,025 to \$17,000. We have \$3,000 to rehab the Codrington fields.

We received a letter requesting the Rec Commission participate in Community Day on Sunday, October 7. The jumpy could be set up.

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To: 'debbietrian' <debbietriana@silverlinewindow.com>

Cc:

Subject: Re: Great job this summer at the codrington park pool

Thanks for your comments. The Recreation Commission is aware of this shortcoming and are attempting to secure funding to make these renovations..

Dominic R. Longo
Director of Recreation
Bound Brook, NJ

On Tue Aug 21 10:40 , 'debbietrian' <debbietriana@silverlinewindow.com> sent:

To whom it may concern:

This 2007 summer season has been very pleasant for my family and friends. The renovations that are being done through out the entire town are fantastic. Also, the recreation activities are great for the entire family.

Just one negative observation by every single guest that I brought to the pool this year, was the fact that the restrooms in the pool area are in bad unhealthy conditions. What my guests and I observed was the paint on the floors is a mess, the showers are very dirty, the floor in the changing stalls are always full of water because there is not a good draining system and last but not least it would be nice to have two toilet stalls and also keep sanitary supplies in there.

I would like to suggest that the above mentioned will be taken into consideration for the 2008 project plans.

Keep up the good work for our community!!!!!!

Thanks,
Deborah Triana

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We're in the middle of planning for the fall soccer league. We need coaches. Deborah Triana interested. Terry will be running the Rutgers Certification Class.

Senior Citizens fitness program scheduled to start September 10 from 5:30-6:15
We will pay Terry \$132/month and it would cost \$40/month to participate.

A request has been received from the NJ Football League to run a Flag Football League at Billian Park. The permit would cost \$175 for the season. We have their certificate of insurance. Central Jersey Baseball used our field this summer.

Billian Park – Soccer Field - \$16,000 to draw plans for a regulation soccer field, irrigation and beatification. The \$16,000 would come from the trust fund. Once final plans are complete, we'll look for funding. Playscape will need to be moved. The baseball field would be untouched.

Eagle Scout has approval to build the volleyball court at Billian.

It was suggested we dig the pits around the playscapes deeper to keep the rubber mix in the playscape area. Right now the rubber mix is all over the place. (grant money might cover it)

Recreation Center Project: 36,000 square feet building to co share with Girl Scouts. There would be 3 basketball courts, 6 volleyball courts and 3 tennis courts, all indoor. There could also be a fitness center, concession area, bathrooms, meetings rooms. Pole barn structure costing \$1,000,000. They have the funding but no land. There would be AAU volleyball teams using the facility from November through April.

Great plans and great opportunity, but a lot of unanswered questions. The land would be the easy part. The hard part would be: Who's paying the bills? What would the availability be for Recreation use? or the kids of Bound Brook.
There is a 50 year warranty for the building. Meeting Monday at 6:30 with the Motterns.

OLD BUSINESS:

One light is out at the Tea Street field. A fuse is needed. It is still under warranty. It was a nice spring and summer with the lights.

NEW BUSINESS

High School Soccer team was using the field during a torrential rain leaving ruts in the field that will be difficult to remove. It was going to be mentioned to the coach.

Fall Festival to be held in October.

Basketball – Middle Earth will be using the Smalley gym until 6:30 Monday through Friday. Where will Rec teams practice?. Check into Camp Cromwell. We can submit a Use of Facilities form for the games to be played at the High School. We need more playing time for the 5th and 6th Grade girls.

0% increases in budget. All our parks are out of code and will cost a lot next year to meet the new codes. We will need all new mulch for under playscape at Billian and more rubber chips at Codrington.

Doreen: Next year's budget should include money for plant maintenance.

Laura, our crafts director for the summer programs, would like to set up a Mommy and Me program two or three nights a week for one hour. It would include story, craft and circle time. It would be for children between 18 months and 3 years. \$40/month. would be the suggested price

There could also be a Holiday Mom's Night Out. It would be a babysitting service in the evenings. Have the Girl Scouts help out. It would be for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. People would preregister and prepay. They would fill out health forms and permission slips. Do we need a special certificate to run this type of program in our Rec Center? A little more research needs to be done.

COMMITTEES:

Finances – as of August 17th, there was \$13,500 of income generated by the pool membership. Dom to have the final update at the next meeting.

\$9,400 spent for programs.

\$26,000 spent on buildings and grounds.

\$18,000 insurance settlement for tennis courts.

Events – Letter to go out in the middle of September to local merchants for donations for the October 27 Fall Festival. There will be a petting zoo and a bazaar. (Permit needed?)

The next meeting will be September 26, 2007 at 8:00

Chrissy made a motion to close the meeting and Steve seconded it. The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45