

January 23, 2008 Bound Brook Recreation Commission Meeting

The January 23, 2008 Bound Brook Recreation meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Vinnie Capalbo	Nick DelVecchio	Terry Hoben	Jim Lefkowitz
Dom Longo	Brian Seibert	Rena Shivers	Judy Stolz
Maria Strada	Doreen Todaro	Dave Wood	

A motion was made by Terry Hoben to reappoint the officers from last year:

Dave Wood – Chair

Doreen Todaro – Assistant Chair

Rena Shivers – Secretary

Vin Capalbo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

Doreen Todaro made a motion to reappoint Dom Longo as Director of Recreation. Maria 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor.

Dave Wood addressed the new members: We've accomplished a lot over the last year or two. We're going to redo the 2 Codrington fields. Doreen has added a lot of new events; summer pool parties, a fall festival and the Easter Egg Hunt. We have to keep moving ahead. Since we only meet once a month, we have to stay on top of things.

Doreen made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting. Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Overview of programs:

Seven Basketball Teams

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls play with Middlesex. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys practice and piece games together with Middlesex. There are two teams of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

The Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball clinic has not started yet; there is no coach for this program. We hope to get it up and running once the middle school basketball season is over. We would like to have a six-week program with practices at Smalley and Lafayette.

Adult basketball on Mondays is well attended.

The Rec Wrestling numbers are down. Not sure why. The team raised their own money for new uniforms.

There are four people enrolled in the dance (exercise) class. It costs \$40.00/month. \$102.00 is paid to the instructor.

DIRECTORS REPORT: (cont'd)

The Mommy and Me Program has not started yet. We need to pick dates and advise Laura. We could run it in the evening and the morning for either 5 years and younger or 4 years and younger.

PROJECTS:

Billian Project – Touched base with Jeff and he will get back to us as soon as the revised plans are finished. We want to come up w/a plan and price list pretty soon.

Kitchen Project – Need to pick colors for the kitchen.

Bathroom Project – Paint the bathhouse and bathrooms. Paint the floors and have a rubberized floor or mats put down. Todd Harris will look at the floors and get estimates. Paul suggested an epoxy paint w/grit and then mats. It could be washed with a hose. It needs to be done before June. It's only used two months out of the year. We don't want to spend too much. Fans are also needed in the bathhouse. Cost of paint, new floor and ceiling fans.

New Recreation Center – Spoke w/Kim Mottern of the Central NJ Volleyball Association about letter confirming their interest. No letter has been received.

Jim – the Recreation Center could be located downtown. It's a \$4 million project. 40,000 square feet facility with 40 parking spaces underneath. Without the VB Associations participation in the plan, we're not sure where to go for financing. The County offers loc cost loans at 3-½ %.

\$2 million from VB Association for Plan C – Cherry Avenue: We have the land.

Downtown plan would require we acquire the land and the cost would double to \$4 million.

The redevelopment company very interested. It would be cheaper if it can be tied into the redevelopment. Boroughs end of it would be \$2 million. Pairing with redevelopment company for use of weight room, court time and meeting rooms by condo members, would lead to a sharing of costs by the condo members and the township.

Could we partner with the school district? We will have to look for the most advantageous relationship. Informally presented to the BOE and their Facilities Committee. The feedback was positive.

What do we need to keep it moving? Force movement from the developer. Are they interested or not? We need to pin down the VB Association. There would be a gap without their \$2 million. Which partnership would be best for Recreation?

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Need to set up a timeline.

Rec – VB Association    Rec – School Board    Rec – Redevelopment Corp.

We should invite the VB Association to the next meeting.

To move forward, the VB Association participation is critical. If they commit, we can move forward with information for the School Board or the redevelopment company.

Another developer is set for the Bolmer Property. They are interested in work at Billian.

Tomorrow Dom is meeting with the Municipal Alliance Commission to reassess needs.

All new members were given copies of the bylaws

All members were given copies of the program guide. Copies will be distributed in the schools.

There will be a track and field clinic

Pool signups will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Only one notice will be sent out for all signups.

Adult volleyball will be either March 14<sup>th</sup> or April 7<sup>th</sup>. Depends on the Booster Club Dinner Dance.

Teen nights in April.

Rutgers Certification will be Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

U.S. Athletic Association waiting to fertilize fields

Reaching out for adult tennis classes. There will also be a middle school tennis program.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Power to the dugout on batting cage side trips. Need to talk with Howard Wagner about fixing it.

#### COMMITTEE

Administration/Finance

Dave Wood

Rena Shivers

Judy Stolz

Events

Doreen Todaro

Maria Strada

Judy Stolz

Facilities

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#### EVENTS

Easter Egg hunt is coming up.

Letters will go out shortly for bike races. Events along the raceway need to be planned.

The atmosphere along the way is better. There seem to be more block parties. We would like to get the PTOs , High School Clubs/teams involved.

#### FINANCE

We are looking at the same numbers as last year. \$30,000 programs, \$25,000 parks maintenance, salary and the pool trust fund to run the pool.

Phillipsburg Cheese Company brings in water to fill the pool. Saves on cost of water.

The next meeting will be February 27, 2008 at 8:00.

Vin made a motion to close the meeting and Brian seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.