

June 29, 2011 BOUND BROOK RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The June 29, 2011 meeting of the Bound Brook Recreation Commission at the Ben Maggio Field House was called to order at 8:32 P.M. by Dave Wood. Nick made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Terry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Nick DeVecchio Terry Hoben Dom Longo Rena Shivers Doreen Todaro
Dave Wood

ABSENT: Cesar Martinez Caroline Siebert Judy Stolz Maria Strada

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Hasting

Prior to the Director's Report there was discussion about the replacement of Dom as Recreation Director. Some of the thoughts were: Is someone currently on Commission interested in position? Do we need approval from the State to fill the position? Could two people share the position for the time being as long as there is no increase in the salary? What is the current job description? Should it be rewritten to reflect the job as it has been handled by Dom? The Recreation Director Job has grown with respect to facilities alone. A subcommittee should be formed to draft a job description (Nick, Doreen, Terry): what the Rec Director position should be and what is actually is. Could the maintenance position be bolstered or could an assistant Recreation Director be hired to handle facilities and maintenance. Who will be in charge of new Community Center?

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SUMMER SEASON: Sign ups were better than last year and the pool facilities passed all inspections. We have a good staff and we are staying within the salary budget.

The Middle Earth programs are going well. The field house looks great

The Summer Camps are full. A few participants backed out. Their money was refunded and the spots were filled. The next four weeks are full.

At Billian Park there were new plans for walkways. Work was halted by the Borough Council because they felt the new plans did not match the original master plan. They felt the pathways were too close to the levee; they went into the toes of the levees. The Council's measurements were wrong. The paths were in the master plan, just slightly different. Because of the stop order, we almost lost the funding from the Billian family. The manner in which the Council issued the stop order was not appropriate. Work is now proceeding. The Commission is upset with the way the whole situation was handled. The Council should have reached out to the Rec Commission before jumping to conclusions. Perhaps an apology should be extended to Doug Billian.

The damage to Billian Park from the Fire Company carnival has not been addressed. The parking lot should be where the games and rides are set up in the future.

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OLD BUSINESS:

The original estimate for the damage to Billian Field after the Fire Company Carnival was \$3,000-\$4,000. The revised estimate was \$15,000. There was a walk through before and then after the carnival but not right after the carnival. Not all the damage was from the carnival. Part of the repairs should be paid by the Fire Company and another part should be paid by the Borough since it was a Borough sponsored event.

No news on the basketball tournaments.

There was a meeting prior to tonight's Recreations meeting on the Community Center. The plans should be ready by mid July.

NEW BUSINESS:

There have been phone calls concerning the use of LaMonte Field by USA Soccer Academy. There needs to be a usage policy in place. They need to put in a use of facilities form with the BOE. The field is not open for general use yet. All schedules for town and school events must be in place before the field can be offered to outside groups.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: The budget passed last night.

The next meeting of the Bound Brook Recreation Commission will be held on July 27, 2011 at 8:00.

Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Doreen seconded it. All were in favor and the meeting was closed at 10:03 P.M.