

## **August 21, 2012 Bound Brook Recreation Commission Meeting**

The August 21, 2012 Bound Brook Recreation Commission Meeting at the Ben Maggio Field House was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Nick DelVecchio

### **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Nick DelVecchio, Caroline Siebert, Cesar Martinez, Judy Stolz, Doreen Todaro, JP Levin, Dom Longo, Maria Strada,

**ABSENT:** Rena Shivers, Terry Hoben, Dave Wood

**GUEST:** Cindy Gruszecki, Joan Ruberto, Bob Yannetti, Anthony Frusco Cynthia Frusco, Patrick Persicano

Cesar made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Caroline seconded and all were in favor.

### **Guest Comments:**

It was mentioned that Recreation meeting dates, the fact that outsiders are welcome to attend, and committee members names are not noted on the town website. The commission commented that the meeting dates and committee members are all available online.

It was mentioned that residents would like to see the job description for the Recreation Director. Was the job posted? Most people do not know who the Director is.

Sign not posted when the pool needed to be closed when the life guards where being recertified. More signs will be posted in the future.

Exercise class – why are there 2 exercise classes. Not fair to close the pool in the evening for only at most 3 members.

Why have pool prices not been raised in over 5 years? We have raised the prices of the swimming memberships for all but the senior citizen over the last couple of years.

Doreen mentioned that being the first year as Rec Director, she is observing the running of the pool so that she can make decisions about the running of the pool next year. For example, the possibility changing the pool hours for next year.

Hours for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were changed at the last minute. Rec Director was not aware that there were Holiday Hours. Staff was not available so the pool needed to close early due to staffing issues.

Activities. Rec Director thought that the pool manager was going to handle this. Park Manager came in too late in the season to schedule. This will change next year.

Registration – Why did it take so long to deposit the money for the registrations? She also questioned where the money was held during this time. The reason for the delay was that the money needed to be verified before it could be deposited.

Comments made that the lifeguards are all very courteous and friendly. Kids have fun at the pool.

Lifeguard noted to be at the little pool for 4 hours without a break. Staffing issue and will be looked into. It was noted that if a pool member has a concern about safety, that they should bring it up to the pool manager to be addressed immediately with the staff. There should be a guard in the chair or watching the pool whenever there is someone in the pool. Many times when the pool opens there is not a guard watching the pool. This will be addressed.

Wee People – There are concerns with the number of kids and the safety of the kids. The commission will address this issue. Swim test the kids early next season so they are in the appropriate pool. Next year the kids will only be allowed in the age appropriate pool.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Recreation Center – The council passed a resolution to bond the difference between the money that we are receiving from The Carriage house and the cost of the building. The plans are going out to bid August 25<sup>th</sup>. The bid is open for 30 days. We hope to go to approval at the September 25 Council meeting. Once that is approved they can break ground. We plan to have this available for the pool opening next year. Outside showers will be installed.

Billian Park. The Billian's have reinstated the money to take care of the park. Doug is not doing well. His wife and family are stepping in to take care of the park. There is no flag up at this time. Sprinklers all fixed at the park. Upon the Commission recommendation, High Tec and the Billian Family need to have all work to be done at the park approved by the Town Council prior to starting. The Playscape is in dire need of repair, possibly may need to be replaced.

Soccer. Metro Soccer League – trying to get a travel soccer league for fall. Recreation does not fund this league at all. The teams are made up of all Bound Brook kids, they just need a place to play. They will not pay for use for the fields. Bridgewater has asked Bound Brook back to play in their league. We may have a 7-8 boys and girls and possibly a 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

Water Source needed for the fields. Billian's is in place. Within the next 2 weeks will be done at Codrington. Tea Street still needs to be scheduled. Rock Machine is not being planned. Need water at the fields to be able to maintain (scarify) the fields. The Recreation Commission no longer has the money in the budget to continue to purchase infield mix. By maintaining the fields it will prolong the use of the infield. FEMA money became available to be used at Rock Machine after Soccer is done mid October.

We are having issues with the pool maintenance. We are using twice as much chlorine in the pool as we did in past years. Pool staff needs to be better trained on the maintenance of the pool.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Movie Night at Billian. [www.moviesatbillian.com](http://www.moviesatbillian.com). Will be doing 2 more in October. Attendance for the last one was good.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Doreen will be meeting with Todd Harris at the end of the summer to discuss what needs to be done for next year. The Pool cover to repair the big pool would cost \$8500. Decided not to repair, and use it as is.

The Camp salaries are being paid out of the Trust Account. Need to discuss the rates charged and the number of campers for next year. Last year showed a profit for camp but this was because the salaries were paid out of the Salary Account in the budget rather than the trust account as it should have.

**COMMITEES:**

Judy made a motion to close the meeting, and Caroline seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 18 at 8p.

