

# RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 6, 2011

## In Attendance:

### Members

Ed Budzinski, Glenn Collins, Robert Dalle Pазze, Ed Fedorko, George Ferenchick, Stacey Gallagher, Jeff Kimmel, Bill Pitman, Chris Sawaski, Marie Tagliaferri, Zig Zegarski

### Staff

Council Liaison Mayor Greg Puliti, Steven Groeger, Superintendent

### Reorganization

- Meeting called to order by Superintendent of Recreation and Reorganization conducted with election of Marie Tagliaferri to serve as Chairperson and Chris Sawaski was selected as Vice Chairperson.

### Reports

- Superintendent gave monthly report (see attached).
- Council Liaison Puliti reported that the Council held the annual reorganization meeting on January 1<sup>ST</sup>. The Council is now preparing to review the proposed budget submitted by the Municipal Manager and anticipate needing to find \$500,000 in reductions to remain below the 2% cap.

### Correspondence

- None

### Old Business

- Update on Twin Pines project.  
The Superintendent reported that the contract was awarded prior to Christmas and work anticipated to start early Spring. The likelihood is that play on the Lawrence fields will be Spring 2012 allowing for two growing seasons.
- Sponsorships/Contributions
  - A grant request was submitted to St. Lawrence Rehabilitation for \$1,000 to fund Safety Town. No response at this time.
  - A grant request was submitted to Bristol Myers Squibb for \$3,500 to fund Safety Town. No response at this time.

## New Business

- Girls' Participation in Team Sports
  - The Superintendent prepared a survey (see attached) that was distributed by email to all of the girls participating in Hamnett Soccer to determine if they are not playing basketball, why not and if they do not plan to play Tball/softball, why not.
  - Contact has been made with local high school and college basketball teams to interact with the Recreation players and foster more interest. The coaches and players will lead clinics for the players, coaches and parents. This will be done in Softball as well.
- Fireworks
  - With donations and revenue from the Kids Triathlon putting nearly \$10,000 is in place for the 2011 fireworks and July 2, 2011 has been set to hold fireworks this year. The Superintendent has worked with the contractor who has agreed to wait to determine the show level as we continue to raise additional funds.
  - Requests for funding have been sent to Bank of America, Wachovia Bank, PNC Bank and NJ 101.5 Broadcasting.
  - Marie Tagliaferri suggested that canisters be placed around the Town to collect donations prior to the event.
  - Ed Budzinski indicated that the police bike team has raised money using an online program called "First Giving" and was to provide information to the Superintendent to follow up.
  - Glenn Collins asked if the police could donate their time or a private security contractor could be hired to reduce the expense for traffic control. It was indicated that contractually this could not be done.
- Fees
  - A recommendation was prepared by staff and submitted to Council for changes that would raise registration fees for most programs. These recommended increases ranged from 5% to 10% and would still keep the fees reasonable in comparison to what other towns assess their participants.
  - A new fee was proposed to collect a \$5 per person fee from participants in subsidized programs ie. Hamnett Soccer, LTJBSA and Lightning Football to offset the cost for these programs borne by the Township including lights and maintenance.
  - With no change to participation numbers from 2010 to 2011, it is anticipated that the fee increases will generate nearly \$50,000 additional revenue.

## Next Meeting

- February 3, 2011 - 7:30 pm