

## RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Peggy Adams, Recreation Director, Kathleen Hyland, Rick Watson, Jo Ormsbee, Tom Buchner, Robin Casabona, Guest; Sam Champi, Tom Duetsch, Kathy Endres, Brian Goss, Don Green, Jim Kinney, Jim Larkin, Pat Minter, Peter O'Hagan, Rich Smith, and Dan Yarosz

### **Report from Treasurer**

The report was read. A check was made out to Radio City for tickets to the November show. Balance: \$4,020.22

### **Jean Street Field**

The field should be ready by fall 2007 for use.

Presently, we await the sprinkler system to be installed & are ready to install the sod.

We can go to the school lot to see the progress. Sam Champi asked if rotation would be able to start. Not as yet. Peggy Adams spoke to a resident who raised concerns that cost of the total project was far above the original quotes.

### **Field Inventories**

Field inventory sheets were distributed for every one to review. It was suggested by Rich Smith that we all take note of conditions & perhaps drop by the sites.

Jim Larkin suggested that a separate meeting be held to revamp all playgrounds and coordinate all the field information.

### **Pool Committee**

Rick Watson reported that this new committee was established to function as the Recreation Advisory Committee does: to advise of conditions at the pools. Ginty Pool was constructed in 1971 & Streeter in 1972. Problems have been addressed & the following improvements are under way: remodel all 4 restrooms, recreate a unisex/handicap accessible rest room at each pool, paint the arcade areas, reconfigure the managers' offices & first aid stations; & update PA & hot water systems.

A survey distributed at the end of the pool season met with favorable results. Members found improvements were made over the past summer. It was noted that everyone cooperated to keep the pools cleaner. A company will be hired to check the leaks at Streeter & Ginty Pools..

Increases in the fees will be kept to a fair minimum each year. We are looking to a February mailing for the 2007 applications.

### **Master Plan**

Rich Smith questioned a master plan for recreation. He stated that the inventory sheets would be a base for the plan. Several board members would like to be on the project. Rick stated that new personnel would also have some input & for Rich Smith to contact Adrienne Humbert. Tom Buchner questioned whether the Recreation Committee members would have a voice in the planning.

### **Gazebo Concerts**

Peter O'Hagan brought up the cost versus the number of people attending the summer concerts.

As with any new program, it takes time to build up a following. In 2005, the concerts were sponsored by First Morris Bank & Trust (\$1,000.00). In 2006, First Morris Bank & Trust & Colgate Palmolive each gave \$1,000.00. Colgate also gave some product handouts. In 2007, as well as signs & flyers at the pools & a write up in the recreation brochure (as done in 2006), we will advertise more with banners at both ends of the township and on our web site. Peggy Adams stated that we will have 6 concerts in 2007 in addition to the Dickey Riley Band. Concerts start July 10<sup>th</sup>. Peggy is still looking for a country band to perform. Kathleen Hyland will look into having a school band perform. It was suggested that the concerts should be on Sundays.

Don Green suggested that the Recreation brochure be on the web site. Also the web site address should appear on the brochure. Jo Ormsbee explained that the info was sent to the help desk in September and would check with the IT Dept. as to the status.

### **New Business**

Don Green thanked Rick Watson for his mentioning of field lights in the Messenger.

### **AT &T, Mt. Kemble Property**

Rick Watson showed a map & plans of the Mt. Kemble Property. The Township is negotiating to buy this sizeable amount of land from Harding Township and has applied to Open Space for money. The property is located at the end of Frederick Place. A developer was looking to erect a hotel & condo housing. The township wants to build a sports complex on the land. Talks with AT&T to use the existing drive & parking lot are under discussion. The Township Engineer has applied for a wetland delineation & will then be told what we can do on the site. We would like to build 2 full size ball fields with lighting & bleachers. Overall, there has not been any opposition to the project. Harding has given their blessing. Corporations have been in agreement.

An application has been submitted to the County. They did an on site review. Decision is due in November.

Sam Champi volunteered to be a liaison if needed, between the owners of the property & the Township, as he does a lot of work for them.

Kathleen Hyland stated that we will not purchase the property if we are not allowed to build a sport complex or if we do not have access to the property.

Also stated that the place to see is Wayne's complex. State of the art!

**Karaoke-** Peggy was asked to book the VFW for Karaoke Night.

### **Football League**

A sub committee was formed to meet with all people of the Morris Junior Colonials Football League. Members are Tom Buchner, Sam Champi, Don Green, Brian Goss, Pat Minter, & Dan Yarosz.

Pat Minter will draw up a draft as to what information is needed.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled meeting will be 7:00 PM on November 16, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Jo Ormsbee