

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting
21 MARCH 2012**

Attended by Greg Ley – Recreation Director, Matt Moore – Recreation Foreman, John DiCarlo – Chairman, John Dunda – Vice Chairman, Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Liaison, Robert Matlosz – Member At-Large, Jim Robinson – Secretary/Soccer, Pat Ward – Lacrosse, William Bennett – Little Theatre, Steve Schneider – Football, Kristin Sorrentino – Cheerleading, Tom Purvenas – Scouts, Mark Perry – Basketball, Amy Leso – Family Fun Day & Scholarship Pageant, Bill Gore – West Deptford Board of Education, Jim DePrince – Little League, Dan Finochi – American Legion Baseball, Jean McCluskey – Seniors, Patricia Shields – Wrestling, Dave Miller – Street Hockey

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Roll Call of members by the Secretary.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes – Motion by Tom Purvenas, Seconded by Steve Schneider.

Reports:

Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Representative

- Sean read a memo from Eric Campo, Township Administrator stating the purpose and oversight of the Recreation Advisory Board. Memo attached. Team Allotments are beyond the scope of this board and can not be discussed at this time.

Greg Ley – Recreation Director

- Greg Ley – Nominations for The Robert J. Oldt Volunteer Leadership Award – Terry Holovachuk and Kristin Sorrentino. John DiCarlo read each application and a vote was called. The results of the vote, Terry Holovachuk 11; Kristin Sorrentino 3
- Jean McCloskey asked about the safety of the 22 existing parks in the township. Greg responded that Sean Kirkpatrick and Denice DiCarlo have secured \$30,000 in funding from local companies along with employees donating their time to work on the parks to restore Field of Dreams and other parks in the township.

- Mr. Christie of Christie's Auto Body has made a proposal to the Township Committee to get companies involved in renovating the 22 township parks.
- Every Child Grant can be used by the equipment companies to purchase equipment and there is a 50% match up to \$100,000.00

Meeting was open to the organizations.

American Legion – Dan Finochi

- 70 registered teams this season

Little League – Jim DePrince

- Season has started
- 650 players registered
- Little League would like the Township to deny any application for use of the baseball fields. Fields are unavailable due to the participation in the program
- Field issues with fencing and lighting
- Soliciting donations to help with the field repairs
- Phil Mattalucci donated \$2,000 to renovate the bathrooms, township workers did all of the work. Jim asked that all teams cooperate with keeping the bathrooms in good order so that they do not fall in disrepair again.
- Eastern Regional Tournament, second week in August
- Mr. Finochi paying to replace the netting at Union Field

Lacrosse – Pat Ward

- Fixing scoreboard – modules and controller units went bad
- Fencing being replaced
- Snack Stand was vandalized
- Township fixed the fence along Red Bank Avenue from the accident
- Johnson Matthey made a donation to fix the Field house roof

Soccer – Jim Robinson/John Dicarlo

- Entering 3er week of the season, Girls League was rained out the first week and has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 20th.

- The Boys and Girls Directors addressed the complaint of urinating on the trees at Union Field with the coaches. Union Field was seeded in the fall and no games will be played there this spring. All games are scheduled to be played in WD Park.

Vice-Chairman – John Dunda

- Was any information collected on how to process background checks on the organizations coaches and board members? Greg will contact Chief Mangano about how to apply for Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation. This foundation provides free finger printing and back ground checks through the NJ State Police and FBI. Grant runs through the end on 2012. Chief Mangano has applied for an information packet.
- Little League uses Nexus Lexus, first 125 searches are free.

Wrestling – Patricia Shields

- Patricia inquired about the \$500 fee that wrestling was charged each season during tournaments to run a Concession Stand.
- Riverwinds is looking to spread this fee to other organizations using the facility, Basketball paid \$1,000.00

William Bennett - Little Theatre

- Formulating their Summer Program
- Registration deadline end of April
- Performances will either be held at St. Matthew's School or the Middle School

Bill Gore – WDBOE

- High School does not allow outside organizations to use the fields.

Matt Moore – Foreman Township Recreation Department

- 3 additional boards were replaced at the skate park.

Football – Steve Schneider

- 10 year sponsorship from Coca-Cola ends this year. Coca-Cola provide scoreboards at the Midget Football Field (1), Street Hockey Rinks (3) and Riverwinds Gymnasiums (3)
- Steve inquired about the possibility of the allotment being cut for the Summer 7 v. 7 program at the High School. Also raised a question about the insurance for this program. Sean commented that the program was

being discussed by the Township Committee during the budget process, nothing has been finalized. Coach Folsom stated that letters are sent in early spring to area High Schools to participate in the summer program. Sean will follow up with the Township Committee and schedule a meeting.

Scouts – Tom Purvenas

- Hand rails are in disrepair at the Scout Building. Matt Moore will have Fred Cochran look at the hand rails and report back to Greg Ley.

Street Hockey – Dave Miller

- Currently in the off season
- There will be a League Tournament the week of April 9th
- Brian Gilligan will complete the Park Permit paperwork for the tournament

Unfinished Business

- John DiCarlo was sworn is Chairman by Sean Kilpatrick at the last Township Committee Meeting

New Business

- Executive Board will retire for a closed door session.

Motion was made by the Steve Schneider to close the meeting, seconded by John Dunda.