

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board  
Monthly Meeting  
16 MAY 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, Ken Boody - Soccer, Janine Ward – Lacrosse, Steve Schneider – Football, Kristin Sorrentino – Cheerleading, Tom Purvenas – Scouts, Amy Leso – Family Fun Day & Scholarship Pageant, Dan Finocchi – American Legion Baseball/Little League, Jean McCluskey – Seniors, Dave Miller – Street Hockey

**Meeting called to order by the Chairman.**

**Roll Call of members by the Kristin Sorrentino.**

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Tom Purvenas, Seconded by John Dunda.

**Presentation by Lieutenant McKenna on “Abuse Awareness”** – PowerPoint presentation. Coaches, Board Members need to be aware of signs of abuse - neglect, emotional, sexual, substance. Should have police department phone number available 845-2300 if you suspect any abuse. Person making the report has immunity. If you fail to report, you can be charged. Need to have policy and procedures for background checks. New emergency signals system in place within the township. They are still testing this system out. Emergency messages would be broadcast over speakers and possibly sirens. Speakers are at the industrial park, the football field and at union. We will find more about the system once all testing is complete.

**Reports:**

**Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Liaison**

- Update on the Field of Dreams Project – The park was closed on the weekends of April 29<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> for renovations. Solvay Solexis and Johnson Matthey donated funds and employees for the project. The project has been completed. Rededication scheduled for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 11-1, Rain date May 20<sup>th</sup>. 1200 Flyers were sent home through the elementary schools.

**Greg Ley – Recreation Director**

- Greg reviewed his monthly report. The township has raised the registration fee for the Summer Recreation Program from \$200 to \$250. The township’s goal is to recover the full cost for the 2012 Summer

Recreation Program. The boat ramp is now open. Currently staffed on weekends. Starting Memorial Day weekend, the Boat Ramp will be staffed seven days a week until Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The skate Park is also now open.

**John DiCarlo – Chairman**

- Reported that there were already attempts at vandalism at the Field of Dreams. John is looking into the possibility of Johnson Matthey donating a 180 degree camera/DVR with live monitoring.

**Meeting was open to the organizations.**

**Little League – Dan Finocchi**

- Replacing lights at Bob Oldt field. \$1300 replacing all electricity and add some new lighting.

**Soccer – Ken Boody**

- Board is looking into turf fields. They are doing a feasibility Study. Township authorizing. Soccer will take care of the install.

**Lacrosse – Janine Ward**

- Bulldog field is in pretty bad shape being the only field for all of the teams. Greg suggested the possibility of using some of the fields over at WD Park.

**Street Hockey – Dave Miller**

- Summer Hockey Program. 200 kids registered. They will play 10 games over 5 weeks.

**Cheerleading – Kristin Sorrentino**

- Registration held May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 80 girls have registered so far. Registration will remain open until the end of the July.

**Scouts – Tom Purvenas**

- Winding down for the year.

**Seniors – Jean McCloskey**

- Went to Norfolk for the Azalea Festival at the end of last month

- Upcoming activities – luncheon, Casino Trip and Dinner Theatre.

#### **Little Theatre/Fun Day – Greg Ley spoke for Amy Leso**

- Fun Day scheduled for Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Stay in parking lot area again this year. There is not enough money for food vendors. They are charged \$30 fee. Possibility of the boy scouts doing all of the food. Concern that people may be disappointed if the vendors aren't there.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- John DiCarlo spoke about the coaches having background checks. Still looking into the most cost effective system for the organizations. Background checks may become mandatory for township allotments and would need to be written into each organization's bylaws.

Motion was made by the Steve Schneider to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janine Ward.

Minutes approved June 20, 2012.