

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board  
Monthly Meeting  
15 MAY 2013**

Attended by John DiCarlo – Chairman, Greg Ley – Recreation Director, Jim Robinson – Secretary/Soccer, Bob Matlosz – Member-At-Large, Janine Ward – Lacrosse, Amy Leso – WD Pageant/Fun Day/Little Theatre, Jean McCloskey – Seniors, Steve Schneider – Football, Dan Finnoch, Jay Barquero – Wrestling, Matt Moore – Recreation Department Foreman

**Meeting called to order by John DiCarlo – Chairman.**

**Roll Call of members by Jim Robinson - Secretary.**

**Approval of April 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Steve Schneider, Seconded by Janine Ward. So carried.

**Greg Ley – Recreation Director**

- Submitted the Director's Report
- Anderson Jackson & Metz made a donation to the Summer Concerts.
- Cettei & Connell – made a donation to the Home Run club and now have an advertising banner at Union Field.
- Budget could affect the group allotments.
- West Deptford dropped from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> in the SJ Magazine ratings.
- Recreation Department has hired 2 college students as temporary help for the summer.

**John DiCarlo - Chairman**

- John read a letter from the Township Administrator regarding the solicitation of cash donations from concert attendees to offset the cost of the Summer Concerts. The administrator and committee deemed this would not be feasible at this time because of the inherent problems of handling cash and accountability logistics.

**Meeting was open to the organizations.**

**Baseball – Dan Finocchi**

- Fence is in for Field 6 and will be erected in about 3 weeks.

- Lights have been fixed, the previous electrician was using the wrong fuses.
- Field 9 lights are tied in to Union Field and the electrical box is not adequate for both fields. Needs to be upgraded.
- Having trouble getting in touch with Tom Tucci to fix the hyperlink on the website so that people get the Little League website instead of the basketball website.

#### **American Legion – Dan Finnoch**

- 4 teams will begin playing after Memorial Day.
- Matt held a Coaches Clinic on how to prepare and maintain Union Field.

#### **Soccer – Jim Robinson**

- Spring season has ended
- Fall Travel Team tryouts for ages 9, 11 & 13 are being held this week, May 13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall Travel Team tryouts for ages 8, 10, 12 & 14 are being held next week, May 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The club is looking to purchase a shed to replace the trailer in West Deptford Park.

#### **Seniors – Jean McCloskey**

- Trip to Washington, DC was a success.
- 1 new member.
- Bus trip to NY to see the 911 Memorial with Mrs. Brandemarti and Nick's Grandmother.
- Senior Bench Project – Cost of the benches is around \$1,000.00. Greg will look into having the Township purchase the benches to get the best deal. \$200 has been donated by the Lions Club to help cover the cost of the benches. Johnson Matthey can assist in the assembly of the benches if needed. There will be a sign noting the benches were donated by WD Seniors, Johnson Matthey and the Lions Club.

#### **Jay Barquero – Wrestling**

- Banquet this Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Funplex from 10 am to 1 pm.
- Wrestling bags were distributed for each wrestler.
- JV Tournament winners each got jackets.

#### **Steve Schneider – Football**

- Golf Outing is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at Riverwinds.

- Youth Camp – only 25 players signed up so far.
- Tri-County Football League Registration will be held at Riverwinds this year on August 24<sup>th</sup>. 4 teams each from 24 towns will be participating.

### **Matt Moore – Foreman**

- Residents that back up to property are dumping leaves and brush onto the property causing issues with mowing. Letters will be sent out to anyone violating the township dumping ordinance.
- Matt would like to place soccer goals at the parks in Meravan Farms and Sherwood.
- Question was raised about if this would cause parking issues?

### **Bob Matlosz – Member-At-Large**

- Wanted to know if the list of unidentified coaches from the background checks have been identified. Greg said that they had and 95% were for Little League.
- Wanted to know how we are going to maintain the background check list going forward. Greg said that the Chief would distribute the list of completed background checks to each organization. Each organization would then be responsible for maintaining their list going forward.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Dana Hurlburt was awarded the Bob Oldt award at the Township Committee meeting on May 2, 2013. There was a reception at Riverwinds after the presentation.
- Riverwinds project was completed.
- Field of Dreams – Johnson Matthey will go back to weed and re-mulch the playground. They will also replace the holes in the rubber matting. Matt Moore said the toy digger may need to be replaced and Greg was going to check the warranty. Cameras have been installed and we are confirming if the coverage is complete. DVR needed a part and be working by Friday. Signs will be erected stating the property is under surveillance.

### **New Business**

- Jean McCloskey asked why the playground equipment was removed from the Mantua Avenue play ground? Greg stated that there are no funds in his budget and he has been instructed to remove any potential hazardous equipment from the play grounds by the Township Committee. All of the play grounds were inspected by the township insurance carrier and 7

playgrounds are planned to be closed this year. Greg had appropriated funds along with Grant money to fix 3 playgrounds this year. This line item was stricken from his budget.

- Recreation Committee discussed an alternative way to collect donations from individuals to subsidize the Summer Concerts. We could collect funds like they do for Breast Cancer and you would put your name on a paper guitar at RiverWinds Community Center, Township Building or library. These locations all handle cash and checks currently at their locations. Funds would be deposited to the Revenue Code for the Summer Concerts. We could also ask Zoo Printing if they would handle the printing of the paper guitars. Riverwinds could use there database of e-mails to send out an e-mail notifying members of the opportunity to make a donation. We could also send flyers home to the elementary schools.

### **Good & Welfare**

- None

Motion was made by Steve Schneider to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jean McCloskey. So Carried.