

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting
19 DECEMBER 2012**

Attended by John DiCarlo – Chairman, John Dunda – Vice Chairman, Matt Moore – Recreation Foreman, Bob Matlosz – Member-At-Large, Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Liaison, Jim Robinson – Secretary/ Soccer, Janine Ward – Lacrosse, Steve Schneider – Football, Kristen Sorrentino – Cheerleading, Mark Perry – Basketball, Phil Cohen – Little League, Dan Finnoch – American Legion, Heather Thorson – Wrestling, Tom Purvenas – Scouts, Amy Leso – WD Pageant/Fun Day/Little Theatre, Craig Mangano – Police Chief

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Roll Call of members by the Secretary.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes – Motion by Steve Schneider, Seconded by John Dunda.

Craig Mangano – Police Chief

- The new Public Address Early Warning System is up and running. The system was built with Homeland Security Funding. There are 8 pre-recorded messages with the ability to send a live message for Hazardous Material, Hazardous Weather events, etc. Since our fields are located near our industry partners, railroad, airport and Delaware River, the speakers were located at WD Park, Union Field and Riverwinds Community Center. WD Police Department and the count can send out the message. The supervisor has the book of messages. The verbal message will identify the hazard and instruct you on what to do, i.e. take shelter, remain indoors, etc. If there is enough time, a weather system alert can be sent out also. Coaches need to be the leaders when a message comes out since we will be on the field of play. Coaches will need to coordinate with the away team players and parents give direction on where to take shelter, etc. The system will be tested every 2 weeks at noon during the week. If you hear the message it means that there is an emanate danger happening in the area.
- Background Checks – all info has been received from the organizations. The Megan Kanka Fund has been extended to the end of February. Criminal histories will go back to Chief Mangano for review of convictions that are included in the municipal ordinance. Chief Mangano will notify the head of each organization of any hits that come up on the background checks. There will be an appeal process to review if the individual is rehabilitated. Each case will be looked at individually.

Midget Football Fencing

- To host an All-Star or Championship Game, the football field must be enclosed with a 6 foot fence. Football is proposing to put up a 6 foot vinyl fence on 3 sides of the field and to purchase temporary fencing on the 4th side for each individual event.
- Motion to approve the fencing was made by Bill Gore and seconded by John Dunda. All in favor.

Reports:

John DiCarlo - Chairman

- Need to speak about the Ordinance to ban all smoking/tobacco products at any township event.
- Reorganization Meeting January 16, 2013 at 7 pm.

Meeting was open to the organizations.

Soccer – Jim Robinson

- Soccer tournament was a success again this year.
- Spring registration is open online and there will be at least 2 dates to sign up in person at Riverwinds.

Basketball – Mark Perry

- Season is in full swing.

Cheerleading – Kristen Sorrentino

- Still having a problem with mice in the shed, the exterminator needs to come in and remove the dead mice
- A hole in the floor also needs to be fixed

Baseball – Phil Cohen

- Registration will be available on-line beginning 1/1/13.
- There will be an in person registration at Riverwinds also.

American Legion – Dan Finocchi

- Lights have been replaced at Union and Bob Oldt Fields, but there is a wiring issue.
- \$20,000 has been spent on Field 4 lights and there are still issues.
- Field 9 has a bank of lights out.
- Electrician is looking into the problems.

Lacrosse – Janine Ward

- Registration ended last weekend.
- Working with Matt and Greg on field issues.
- Board Members and known coaches were submitted for the background checks.
- Lacrosse will have coaches that have been screened for their background check help the coaches that have not been screened yet until the background check is completed.

Football – Steve Schneider

- Eric Campo has the information to get the fencing issue on the Township Committee Agenda.

Scouts – Tom Purvenas

- Busy camping.

Matt Moore – Recreation Foreman

- Recreation Department budget has been turned in requesting a \$5,000 increase, 2%.
- Football fencing is up for a vote.
- Concert Series submitted to the township.
- New High School baseball coach asked for a key to Union Field, coach has been holding indoor practices.
- High School teams do not complete the Facility Use Form.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- The cameras and DVR that Johnson Matthey donated were installed at Field of Dreams. The DVR will need to be housed in the Baseball Building. Live feed was cost prohibited, so cameras will show anything post event. Lights were installed also. Live monitoring is an option for the future

Motion was made by the John Dunda to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Purvenas.

December meeting minutes were approved January 16, 2013.