

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

Attended by Greg Ley – Recreation Director, John DiCarlo – Chairman, John Dunda – Vice Chairman, Matt Moore – Recreation Foreman, Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Liaison, Jim Robinson – Secretary/ Soccer, Jeanine Ward – Lacrosse, Steve Schneider – Football, Barbara Hill – Cheerleading, Joyce Brown – Seniors, William Bennett – Little Theatre, Mark Perry – Basketball, Jim DePrince – Little League, Dan Finnochio – American Legion, Bill Gore – School Board, Denice DiCarlo – Township Committee

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Roll Call of members by the Secretary.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes – Motion by Steve Schneider, Seconded by Jeanine Ward.

Township Committee Woman Denice DiCarlo

- Denice explained that the new background check ordinance pertains to all organizations and anyone with unfettered access to children will need to be screened. Each organization will provide a list of members to be screened to the township. There will be a 45 day grace period for a new member to get the background check completed, this is a 1 time only grace period. Non-compliance of the organizations can affect their annual allotment from the township and access to township facilities. The screening will consist of a background check and fingerprinting. Screening is looking for, but not limited to the following offenses:

Sex offenses
Homicide
Theft
Assaults/Stalkings
Drug Offenses

- The township will take into account if the individual has been rehabilitated from the offense, a waiver can be received.
- Screening is good for 3 years.
- Clinics are available every 2 years.
- December 19th or January 16th, Chief Mangano would like to meet with all of the organizations and coaches/members/volunteers.

- Each organization needs to provide a list to the Recreation Director, Greg Ley. The grant will cover the cost of the screening, \$26.00.
- First cut will go through the State Police and any “hits” will be sent to Chief Mangano.
- There will be a full appeals process that will include the Chief, Township Administrator and Township Solicitor.
- The organization will be notified of any “hits”.
- The Ordinance is effective 1/1/13.
- VRO # has been applied for by the township and all organizations will use this VRO #.
- Greg will put the packet on the township website.

Bill Finnochio asked how this will affect the township insurance policy? Denise will follow up with Eric Campo on this issue.

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:

Greg Ley – Recreation Director

- Recreation Department has requested a 2% budget increase for 2013. Greg submitted that the group allotments remain the same for 2013. Greg has submitted to the Mayor and Township Committee the 2013 Summer Concert Series Proposal. The proposal includes 6 new bands.
- Greg brought up a proposal for a Non-Smoking Ordinance for the township of West Deptford to exclude smoking and tobacco products at any township event. Each group was going to discuss the proposal with their members as some groups already have a smoking ban in place.

Meeting was open to the organizations.

Soccer – Jim Robinson

- Soccer tournament will be held Thanksgiving weekend at three sites, WD Park, High School and Union Fields. 224 teams have signed up to play in the tournament this year from NJ, PA, DE, MD and NY.

Joyce Brown – Seniors

- Currently have 350 members
- 9 Life Members will be honored at their December meeting, 1 couple has been married for 79 years
- October the group will have CPR Training
- Flu Shots
- November they honored veterans
- November they visited Staten Island to see “An Irish Wake”
- They went to Bethlehem, PA to see Sound of Music.
- Going to Radio City Music Hall
- Christmas luncheon will be held at Auletto’s
- Visiting county Christmas celebrations
- Working with the Junior Women’s Club to collect food for the needy
- Anyone over 55 can join, membership is \$5 per year
- Monthly meetings held at Riverwinds at 1 pm on the first Thursday of each month
- This past summer they took a 10 day cruise
- 2012 Community Project was collecting coupons to send to military men and women
- Each month they have a casino trip

Basketball – Mark Perry

- Travel teams have been selected
- In-House teams will be selected in the next couple of weeks

Cheerleading – Barbara Hill

- 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 – Jim DePrince

- Budget has been submitted along with the registration dates
- Lights on field 9 are out

Little Theatre – William Bennett

- Season has wrapped up
- Best financial season in the last 5 years

Lacrosse – Janine Ward

- Registration paperwork has been sent to the schools and Greg Ley to put on the website
- Registration will be held the next 2 weeks at Riverwinds
- Need field space at WD Park, a request will be submitted to Greg Ley
- Redbank field is in need of repairs

Football – Steve Schneider

- Season has ended
- 2 teams are in the playoffs, 2 weeks left to play
- 2 coaches were asked to coach the Senior and Sophomore All-Star Teams
- Problem with skunks digging holes on the game field

Old Business

- None

New Business

- John DiCarlo reminded everyone that the background checks include all organizations including the Recreation Advisory Board Committee members. He stated that he feels the Recreation Committee members should be the front runners and should set an example by being the first to submit for the background checks.

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

November meeting minutes were approved December 20, 2012.