

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
10/06/14

The regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Recreation Commission was held on October 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Stillwater Municipal Building, Stillwater, NJ. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Rachael Gullette with the statement read that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Statement and the flag salute.

Members Present: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Delaney, Mrs. Fritsch, Ms. Gullette, Mr. Manser, Ms. Richardson
Members Absent/Excused: Ms. Hess

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Manser that the minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting be accepted. Motion carried

BILLS

Mr. John, Inc. (8/22/14-9/13/14), \$450.00 Motion by Mr. Ashley, second by Mrs. Delaney that the bill be approved. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Stillwater School re: an invitation to participate in the school district Strategic Planning. Anyone interested, call the school and let them know you wish to attend. Various catalogs and a letter re: clay for the fields.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – Agenda Items Only

None

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Tami – Stillwater Day for 2015 under new business

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Benches/Bleachers – We discussed the various bleachers and prices. Donna reached out to the companies for the shipping, etc. As of now, they have not returned her call. She will have the full totals for the Nov. meeting
- b. Field Use Forms – we want to make some changes to them and add some rules. Most of the items are already on the form but we are going to highlight them. There will also be an added page attached with all the rules.
 - i. Please be advised that no requests will be approved until a program schedule is submitted.
 - ii. Clean up is the responsibility of the team and litter is to be removed from the field.
 - iii. No alcohol use
 - iv. Parking permitted in designated areas only
 - v. No schedule changes unless approved in advance by the Rec. Commission
 - vi. No rain dates unless no conflict with another organization

- vii. Permission needs to be granted for access to the sheds for loading and unloading. Language along the lines of key will be issued on a sign in/out basis. Perhaps issued with a \$20.00 deposit for a key. We need to have a contact person. Lynda Knott during the day and ea. Commission member should have a key in case someone needs access.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tree Lighting – date set for Dec. 6 with snow date of Dec. 13 from 6-8. Judging for decorating contest is deadline of Dec.17 and judging on Fri. the 19th. We will re-use the same flyer just changing the dates. Needs to be posted to web-site and put on desk at Town Hall. Star is done. Michele will probably get it to us. Chuck will see about getting the star in the tree. Same refreshments.
- b. Tami has purchased all the toys/prizes on clearance for Stillwater Day next year. She has bills of \$40.28 and \$4.77. They need to be submitted to the town.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION 7:20 pm

Lou Sylvester, Old Schoolhouse Road. Begin by saying that he appreciates all that the Committee does. The Committee has been doing a great job. Thank You. He wants to share some concerns. Veterans Park – a rain closure occurred and he experienced similar closures last year. He felt it was premature. He would like us to take a look at our procedure for closure. The trails is another concern. It is a quite extensive trail system. In many places, they are overgrown with the wild rose bushes making them unable to be used. (We are going to have SLAP come in and we will make sure that they clear them fully). Perhaps in the one section where water may be a concern, mulch or even boardwalks should be installed. He would like to see a maintenance plan developed. Use SLAP. (We do use them and they were there in the beginning of the season. We did discuss at a previous meeting getting them here on a regular basis. We do need to make the request through the town council. We do appreciate your bringing your concerns to us and we will follow up on them.) Walkways – there is an area between the handicap access to the bridge that is QP and we need to look into it. (We did get the approval from the DEP to pave and the DPW will be handling it) The last item is the parking lot. It has large rock QP. There are alternatives to look into such as the millings with a sealer, tar and stone, etc. that could be used. The area that is grass was supposed to be set up for a basketball court. It could also be expanded for more parking. (we will look into the plans for that as well as the possibility that we are looking into the property above as well) Striping the lot also does a lot. Would like to see some plantings around the monuments. Also, by the football, there is no garbage cans there as well as the old sand box is still there. He has one last comment and that is regarding the field use. The teams using the fields need to know that they should be helping keep the fields maintained. (It is a requirement that teams must appear and we are going to be enforcing that this coming year. We are trying to get the fields where they need to be and working to keep them up) The Commission does have the ability to raise funds, perhaps doing a casino day, etc.

Chuck Delade, Swartswood Road. He agrees with a lot Mr. Sylvester says, however, he had donated a lot and as a past member of the Commission, he knows that it is very difficult to get the groups together to do clean up or maintenance. The Town just doesn't have unlimited cash and the Commission does what they can.

(There are many things you brought up that we know about and some we didn't. We appreciate hearing them. Also, what time do you feel is a reasonable time for the field closures?)

NOTE: Verbiage in parentheses are the Commission comments to Mr. Sylvester

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Manser will not be at the next meeting. He will be on vacation.

LIAISON REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Gulette asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Motion by Mr. Ashley, second by Mr. Manser. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess
Secretary