

THE JOAN SCHAEFER RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – JANUARY 2016

The reorganizational meeting of The Joan Schaefer Recreation Committee was called to order on January 27, 2016 by the Director of Recreation, Rob Gillman.

PRESENT: Rob Gillman, Mariann Canino, Steve Carmona, Jim Ladato, Vinny Malley, Joe Nardini, Dennis Smith, Irena Tesoriero, Angel Valerio, Melissa Weigl

ABSENT: Ora Kornbluth (vacation), Jim Bishopp (business), Mark D'Esposito (BOE meeting), Ed Volmer, Steve Neff

GUEST: Detective Witty, Wendy Loszynski

ROB GILLMAN: Rob told the Committee that Jim Fasano, Principal of BHS had contacted him about our helping him run/organize a softball tournament to raise money for the scholarship fund. High school kids are to run it (with our help where possible) but, are not quite sure what it will entail or include as yet. They are thinking or possibly a home run derby, they would need use of fields and would like to run the tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. It would be open to kids from middle school age to adult teams. They would like the use of all fields in town depending on the participation they get with entries of teams.

Discussion followed. Joe Nardini has a list of umpires that may be available. Rob still needs to meet with Jim Fasano and Detective Witty who will be sponsoring the event

Irena discussed the new Lou Harris Challenger Basketball program that started about two weeks before this meeting happened. There are 38 kids participating in the program. Irena has had a lot of equipment donated to the program from a friend she knows in the sporting business. Auto return hoops being among the items. These hoops have baskets at 4' and 6' and kids can shoot at either basket according to their abilities.

On Feb. 13, from 9-10:30 at Hoover School (note: I believe the times and place were changed after this meeting took place) 30 families are going to set up tables and run different activities for the kids in the program as a Valentine's Day party. All Rec members are invited to attend and partake.

The Springsteen song has been copy rite and there will be an event at Mexicale Live in Teaneck in regards to the song.

Rob reported that as they did in the past, an actual permit for fields will be given to the organization using the fields. Also, there will be someone assigned to answer calls Re: Rec. Dept Mon. – Friday at the borough hall.

Rob would like to have a sub-committee help him out with organizing Family Fun Day this year. The Ambulance Corp is looking to be heavily involved as it is their 75th year of existence and have some money they are willing to spend. Our contract with previous rides operators and fireworks has expired and we are looking to do something more either with them or new vendors.

BUDGET: Rob informed the Committee that his budget for the summer camp program was upped a bit for camp supplies. Also, borough looking to turf either Memorial or Hickory if grant money comes through.

Vivien Field fences are completed. Phase two is to do the fields. The DPW are first going to install the sprinkler system but probably won't be until nicer weather comes along. Memorial field more tarps with seeding will be added at the end of usage in late fall of this year. The tarps run about \$500

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each. Also, we have a truck ready to go to Yankee Stadium to get sod this year, so hoping that works out better than last season.

Some trees around the Pavilion at Memorial are going to be coming out to make more light. Trees grew too big, more sunlight needed. Trees taken out will be replaced with smaller ones.

A walkway from the lower field at Little League to the upper field is going to be put in place this season.

Angel reported there are 148 players registered for baseball to date. They have started a new softball program with 20 registered (that number has increased since the meeting to 48). They are hoping to have three teams consisting of girls 10U, 12U and 14U and who will participate in a local softball league newly formed (I believe) this year. Rob offered Hickory for their home games. Angel reported they are hoping for a 12 game schedule six games home, six games away.

Joe Nardini needs softball umpires for these games. It was suggested he try Jim Tolomeo or Mike Hegel for softball umpires.

There being no further business for the good of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Monday, February 22, at the Pavilion at Memorial Field.

Respectfully Submitted

Mariann Canino, Secretary