

THE JOAN SCHAEFER RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MAY 2016

Chairman, Jim Bishopp called the May meeting of the Joan Schaefer Recreation Committee to order at 8:10 PM on Monday, May 23, 2016.

PRESENT: Rob Gillman, Ora Kornbluth, Jim Bishopp, Ed Volmer, Mariann Canino, Jim Ladato, Vinny Malley, Steve Neff, Dennis Smith, Irina Tesoriero, Melissa Weigl

ABSENT: Steve Carmona, Mark D'Esposito, Joe Nardini, Angel Valerio

MINUTES: A motion to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting was made by Steve Neff, second by Ed Volmer. All were in favor, Minutes were approved.

ROB GILLMAN: Memorial Day Softball Tournament, the fund raiser for BHS scholarship fund has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Rob informed the Committee we will not be needed at the Parade this year. The Veterans are going to handle it this year.

BOARD OF ED: Rob met with the Board and requested that the lights not go off until 10:00 PM rather than 9. That we do not get on the field until 6:30 and last week there was an incident and before the ambulance could arrive the lights went off. The BOE is "working on it".

VIVYEN FIELD: The fencing is not going well. All baseball and softball play has been cancelled for the time being. The wrong backstops were put up and they are dangerous, no tops to keep balls from going out of park and into houses on Elder Ave. Borough Engineer and fencing company working on a solution.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Event is almost completely set and ready to go, just a few rough edges to be completed. Rob will need help from as many members as is possible. Anytime you might be able to give from 10:30- through the end of the day at 9:00 PM

Rob was able to get a band shell from Hackensack. Have bands lined up to play throughout the day. High school ensemble will be participating too. Rob has gotten 28 helpers from Cheryl Nichols again this year.

The ad for getting a NY Ranger autograph at Family Fun Day will be in the Twin Boro News this coming week. There are several different packages you can purchase. Irina informed the Committee there are already 50 people pre-registered for the event. All the proceeds will be going to the Lou Harris Challenger program.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION: The first registration is Thursday, May 26 7-9 at the Pavilion at Memorial Park. The other registrations will be: Sat. June 11 and 18 11:00- 1:00 at the Pavilion and June 16 at the Pavilion 7-9 PM.

A question was asked about the Girl Scout Overnight which was to be held at Memorial Park. The event was cancelled. Ora informed the Committee the Council would have approved the event but needed more information about it. After much follow up by the Chief and the Borough's Administrator the information they needed could not be obtained, in the end the Girl Scout's cancelled the event.

JIM BISHOPP: After he had sent out an email to all Committee members about coin tosses with kids in the streets collecting money. Anyone under 18 is not to be in the streets collecting money. Adults need to have neon vests on and they should be the ones going to the cars collecting coins. Vests should be obtained from the Police Dept. A letter of intent should be mailed to the Mayor and Council in advance of the coin toss, informing them of the date and the streets they want to be on. Rob said they are working on borough forms and maybe one could be added or improved on for coin tosses.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Jim Ladato said they are in the process of having sign-ups. Said their numbers are down and that kids that have played in the past are going in other directions and not choosing to play football, but it is early and have to wait to see what the actual numbers are. Tenafly had inquired about joining their

kids with our, because they get very few. Tenafly is waiting to get through their registration and then will talk more about joining our squads. Three teams have been added to the league we play in making a total of 12. Jim said they are going away to camp this year, in August and Juniors will be going also. He was not sure of the dates but thought it would be around Aug. 17. They will also have weekend camps in August at home. This is the 50th year of the existence of Jr. Football in Bergenfield and they are hoping to have special events throughout the season, including inviting every player that ever played Jr. Football to come to Opening Day.

PAL: Softball and baseball running smoothly. Little League softball seems to be running ok, lots of make-ups which make for some rearranging of field schedules. Outdoor soccer is beginning online registration. Soccer is hoping to have camp in August with high school players coming and helping out PAL coaches.

LL: Jim said Little League is going well, also rain has caused many cancellations.

VOLUNTEER COACHES CLASS: The next class is scheduled for Wed. July 13 at BHS, starting at 7:00 PM.

CHALLENGER SUMMER PROGRAM: Baseball: Melissa reported that there is a large number of kids registered to play and lots of kids showing up for games. Lou Harris came to and announced a game last week. He was thrilled to see how many kids were participating and he hopes to get back to another game.

Irina told the Committee the summer program for Challenger kids would be taking place at the library starting July 14 and will be three half hour sessions in arts and crafts. There will also be sessions for 3-5 graders covering crime scenes, marketing and critical thinking.

Also, Challengers and their families went to a Boulder's Game. This is open to all and the Boulders would be happy to accommodate groups.

In November there will be a fund raiser for the Challenger program, it will be A Night with the Rangers, with some famous NY Rangers attending. It will be held at Mexically Blues in Hackensack. It will be the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Irena further informed the Committee that instructors from Capelli Sports would be willing to work with athletes from all sports in town programs on speed and agility at no cost.

HIT RUN PITCH: Ed Volmer reported they had held the local hit pitch run event, only 25 from town participated. We need to do a better job promoting this event. We also hosted the regional Hit Pitch Run event which was well attended by local winners.

BASEBALL: Vinny Malley told us Valley Central will be starting June with a Senior and Junior team. Also in June BBL teams will still be playing. There will be a lot of baseball going on in June, almost every night there will be games, some night two games, some days triple headers.

There being no further business for the good of the Committee a motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was ended at 9:20 PM

PS: Irena donated shirts she was given by a friend, to the Committee, They say: The Joan Schaefer Recreational Committee on them. Every member was given one.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE

MONDAY, JUNE 20 (a week early) 8:00 at the Pavilion

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariann Canino, Secretary

