

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 13, 2010

C/Klehr opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 WAS READ.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 24, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; not present, Bill Hanson; present, Mike Turner; not present, Dominick Ricci; present, Robert Brown; present, Tracey Klehr; present, Terrence Murphy; not present, Kenneth Simels; present, Andrew Ferrara; present

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

C/Bell opened the meeting to the public at 8:06 PM

Lisa Bellotti, representing the Rec Lacrosse program, discussed with the commission the past season advising they had a great season and all divisions did well. A few changes for next year would like to be discussed. The boy's program is moving forward with a boys 7/8 grade club travel team that Matt Deiner and Scott Moore will coach. New coaches for the 7/8 grade boys Rec team will be appointed and will continue as usual. A new addition to the Rec Lacrosse program for boys in the spring will be introduced. This will be an instructional hour league on Sundays offered to boys in grades K-2 to introduce them to the sport and teaching the basic fundamentals. This would include 8-10 sessions and held at Abate Park. As for scheduling for the 2011 season, Matt Deiner and Lisa Bellotti will continue to schedule the games and tournaments with other towns for both the boys and girls Rec programs. However, with a limited number of volunteers, they are looking for help from the Rec Dept in the area of confirming the games and referees.

Lisa discussed the need for new uniforms for the boys division. At this point, the uniforms have been given to players and collected at the end of each season. The boys uniforms have become very worn and tattered due the equipment they need to wear (velcro, etc). They are suggesting having players purchase their own uniforms. Ordering/sizing information would be included with sign ups. The ordering would be done after sign-ups and distributed before the games begin. Lisa advised the girls uniforms are in good condition and will continue for the next few seasons to be loaned to the players for the season. She mentioned an idea to sell the old uniforms as a "rummage sale" fundraiser for the club. The uniforms seem to have been purchased by both the town and club over the years. C/Kinsey advised the Rec secretary to discuss this with the Township Clerk, Maria Dellasala.

Lastly, the program is planning a free instructional lacrosse clinic on Saturday, September 25th (with a rain date of October 2nd) at Abate Park from 11:00-1:00. This clinic will be for all boys grades K-8 and girls grades 2-8. They would like to distribute a flyer through the schools and mass e-mail to all Rec participants.

Jim Whitney, the Treasurer of the Millstone United Travel soccer team approached the commission in regards to a fundraiser of selling mums at Brandywine soccer fields on Sunday 9/19. The Commission discussed a deed restriction within the development that states no sales to take place at the fields, although fundraising could potentially not be included. A review of the deed restriction will be needed. Occasionally programs do sell fundraising items at the fields. C/Klehr suggested the program should consider coming to Millstone Day as a vendor and selling the mums as a fundraiser.

Kevin Knorr, of the Warriors Traveling Basketball program approached the commission and requested the Rec Dept to run the traveling basketball program as a Rec program making it an all star team. C/Brown questioned why they feel the program would run better as a Rec program. Kevin stated gym time is too expensive for the program to cover. A long discussion took place in regards to recreation's philosophy of all participants play and no one is turned away, anyone who wants to play on the team will be allowed to play under Rec, thus it would no longer run as an all star team. A long discussion took place in regards to the details of the travel program and how it would affect the Rec program. C/Brown requested an outline of the program, including a time line of when and how the program takes place and the cost of the program. The Rec commission thanked Kevin for coming to the meeting to discuss his proposition.

C/Klehr closed the meeting to the public at 9:15 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Fall Soccer**

C/Klehr advised the season start went smooth; she needed to change some of the field layouts to accommodate the 5 v 5 format which is being implemented with the K-2 grade division. 228 are enrolled in the program which is down about 20% from last year. C/Simels suggested more emails should go out reminding signups are taking place. C/Klehr advised high school youths have volunteered to assist coaches in the younger divisions to will receive community service hours.

- **Wagner Farm Park / Abate Park / Brandywine Soccer Fields / Rocky Brook Park**

It was mentioned a pipe behind the bathrooms at the Brandywine Soccer fields needs to be capped. Rec Secretary will request Dept of Public works to make the repair. C/Hanson also discussed a large branch in the wooded area that needs to be removed as children are climbing on it.

C/Klehr advised the bathrooms At Wagner Farm Park would not flush causing them to back up during a Pop Warner game. Rec secretary advised the septic was pumped and has seemed to alleviate the problem.

A short discussion took place in regards to the fields being too dry. Rec Secretary advised the sprinklers have since been repaired and turned on. A discussion took place about an adult exercise class being held outside the building during football games without Rec approval. It was mentioned the instructor was collecting money. No instruction can take place on township property without the Rec Dept's approval. If it continues, she will need to be made aware.

- **Millstone Day**

C/Hansen stated yard signs have been put out. A solo singer for the national anthem has been secured from the music school in town. We have four young adults whom have volunteered to assist the Rec Dept which should be sufficient. The inflatable amusements will be made available again this year at \$5.00 per child. Seven businesses have registered to be vendors at the event. The Horseman's Association will have a petting zoo brought in and the Open Space Council will

have an antique tractor display. It was discussed to allow AHS to be exclusive with the hot dog sales thus we will not sell hotdogs.

- **Fall Tennis**

C/Klehr stated Ho Scott is coming back in the fall after a short absence. It has been brought to our attention, the temporary tennis instructor, Michele whom we hired for the summer session has approached some residents with a proposition of offering private tennis lessons on Township courts without approval from the Rec Dept. Rec Secretary advised Michele, that she is not authorized to conduct a business on Township property. She was made aware of this multiple times, but still attempted to start a program by advising residents she has confirmed the lessons with the Township. The Township is working on passing an ordinance; no businesses can be conducted on Township property.

- **Pop Warner**

C/Turner not present – No report

- **Approval of August 2, 2010 Minutes**

Motion to approve, C/Hanson, **Seconded** C/Ricci, Carried

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; absent, Bill Hanson; aye, Mike Turner; absent, Dominick Ricci; aye, Robert Brown; abstain, Tracey Klehr; aye, Terrence Murphy; absent, Kenneth Simels; aye, Andrew Ferrara; abstain

Motion to adjourn, **Moved** C/Klehr, **Seconded** C/Hanson
Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole C. Vladimirov

cc: Maria Dellasala