

## **Recreation Minutes**

**February 5, 2020**

**Attendance:** Ryan Blass, Laurie Boyle, Andy Fox, Jack Kostiuik, Chris Morris, Jen Rebman, Amy Rudley, Althea Sanders, Carl Scutt, Steven Snyder

### **Current programs and events:**

-The In-House/Open Gym basketball program will conclude this weekend (2/8), and the "Young Gunners" program will conclude next week (2/11). Additionally, travel basketball will continue until the end of both, while the Middle School teams will finish their seasons on the 21st.

-This is the second week of baseball workouts for the high school team. These workouts will be ongoing for the remainder of the month (to lead up to regular team practices). There are around 15 kids participating in the workout sessions.

-Regarding the Rec website and its improvements, information is still being gathered. Three different companies are being considered. Councilwoman James has been meeting with Andy to determine which site to use, with the hopes of being ready for the Council meeting on the 24th.

### **Upcoming programs and events:**

-Today (2/5), registrations went out for T-ball- the website is also currently up to date with new forms. There will be a lone in-person sign-up date on February 15 at 9 AM at Borough Hall.

-Track and Field registrations went out last week. Because numbers for the program are still limited, this will continue to be a shared program with Glassboro Parks and Rec.

-Details are still being finalized with Tom and Debbie Slenkamp for the Spring Tennis clinic. The clinic will likely start in April for boys and girls grades 6th-11th.

-This year's Community Day is tentatively slated for June 3 at Alcyon Lake Park.

-Andy inquired if anyone on the committee was interested in starting up a small Health and Wellness committee.

-There has been some interest from kids and parents about a basketball shooting clinic. This is in the early stages, but it would be for one hour, twice a week, during the Spring.

-Councilwoman Rudley has put together a 'Speaker Series' that is geared for our senior residents. They would take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 PM at Borough Hall. It will run from February to June; transport will be provided for seniors to attend these events.

-Registrations are open for the Healthy Kids Running program. This is program's third year and will start on April 19 over at Alcyon Lake Park. In each of the previous years, over 100 kids have participated in the program.

-Practices have begun for Spring soccer, which will start playing in March. Games will be on the fields at Alcyon, Lambs Road, and the Dell.

-Last week, a clean-up/rebuild started at the Pump Track. After the usage of it, this became necessary. Additionally, talks have begun about adding a more advanced track to add variety and difficulty.

-Lastly, Beth Portocalis, Bethany Sheryn, and Michelle LaPlante spoke to the committee about the possibility of adding a dog park in town. A pros/cons list was included with this month's agenda. Possible options for the park are Alcyon, Dell, Shertel Park, near the public works area by Clinton Avenue, or Walton Park. This dog park would need shade, access to water, a fenced-in area, safety signage for liability purposes, and waste removal - bags, trash cans. Ideally, it would be away from the athletic fields and its own designated area so dogs can be off their leashes. A big issue that came up was money, since there isn't enough money in the budget for this project. We would need grants or additional funding to make this a reality. After discussion, as a group, we decided to wait until March's meeting about voting on a possible recommendation to Council.

**Next Meeting: Thursday March 5 at 6:30 in the Council Chamber**