

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board
Reorganization Meeting
18 January 2012**

Attended by Greg Ley – Recreation Director, Matt Moore – Recreation Foreman, John DiCarlo – Chairman, John Dunda – Vice Chairman, Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Liaison, Robert Matlosz, Jim Robinson – Soccer, Tricia Shields – Wrestling, Janine Ward – Lacrosse, William Bennett – Little Theatre, Steve Schneider – Football, Kristin Sorrentino – Cheerleading, Jean McCloskey – Seniors, Tom Purvenas – Scouts, Brian Wehman – Basketball, Dan Finocchi – Baseball, Amy Leso – Family Fun Day & Scholarship Pageant

Executive Board Nominations

At the time these nominations were made, there was no acting Secretary for the Board. These nominations are correct to the best of my knowledge.

The following nominations were taken:

Chairman

John DiCarlo – nominated by Jim Robinson & seconded by John Dunda

Vice Chairman

John Dunda – nominated by Jim Robinson & seconded by Steve Schneider

Secretary

Jim Robinson – nominated by John DiCarlo & seconded by John Dunda

At Large Executive Members (2)

The following nominations were taken:

Bob Matlosz – nominated by Brian

Steve Schneider – nominated by John Dunda & Kristin Sorrentino

Kristin Sorrentino – nominated by Steve Schneider & Patricia Shields

The results of the voting were:

Matlosz – 4

Schneider – 13

Reports:

- Greg Ley – Greg reminded all of the organizations of the Injury Report Form for West Deptford residents involved in a sport or club. The form must be completed submitted with 24 hours of the injury to the Township. This insurance provides up to \$500 of coverage after the Primary, Secondary and Organization's insurance has been billed.
- There are currently 7 rangers working 32 hours a week. 1 ranger position is currently open.
- Facility Usage – we need to account for all keys held by the different clubs that allow them access to turn on the lights. Greg is looking for a better control of the light usage. The rangers are responsible for turning the lights on and off at the Park and Riverwinds. Timers could be used to automatically turn the lights on and off.

Meeting was open to the organizations.

Sean Kilpatrick was introduced as the new liaison for the Recreation Advisory Board

John DiCarlo – Chairman

- Can we adjust the Field Usage Fee to adjust for light usage?

Tricia Shields – Wrestling

- Wrestling is charged a \$500 fee each year to use the wrestling room at Riverwinds because they sell concessions during the matches. Riverwinds states that they need additional staff to clean up after the matches are completed. Wrestling issues a check directly to Riverwinds. Tricia wanted to know what this fee covers and why other organizations are not being charged to use the Riverwinds facility.

William Bennett - Little Theatre

- Agreed that we need to look at the outside organizations that are using the lights and adjust their Field Usage Fee appropriately.

- Greg notified that the Fire Inspector and Township Building Inspector will be reviewing the building to go over any open violations that still exist.

Matt Moore – Foreman Township Recreation Department

- Expressed concerns of the field usage. Agreed that the Usage Fee needs to be adjusted for outside organizations that are using the lights.
- High School usage is putting a burden on the Recreation Department. Main concerns are Soccer and Baseball and Lacrosse. Union Field is Varsity and JV baseball, WD Park is Girls and Boys Varsity soccer and Bob Oldt Field is Lacrosse.
- Matt suggested that we collect a Security Deposit from organizations that run tournaments at the Park to cover damage to the fields and field clean up.
- Matt asked that each organization help with cleaning up the trash after their games or practice.

Brian Wehman – Basketball

- Brian notified Greg that there was an injury on Saturday at the Middle School during a basketball game. The wrestling mats are being stored under the baskets and this is creating a hazard for the players. Brian asked if the mats could be moved into the hallway during the games. Brian was instructed to contact Myron Hall at the Middle School about moving the mats.

Tom Purvenas - Scouts

- Who owns the Scout Building? Greg replied that the building is owned and maintained by the Township.

Dan Finocchi – Baseball

- WD Little League has 750 players and 75 teams
- WD Baseball has 150 players and 11 teams
- Baseball received a request from Gloucester Catholic High School Softball for facility usage. Little league agreed to allow them to use Field 9 which is a lighted field. Greg requested a copy of the letter from the Little League approving the field usage.
- Greg offered the softball fields in WD Park to Little League if they require additional fields. Little League Softball has first right of usage of the fields in the park.

Jim Robinson – Soccer

- Asked Sean Kilpatrick if there is any discussion among the Township Committee about keeping the Field Usage Fees in the Recreation Departments Budget instead of all fees collected going into the General Fund of the Township? If the Recreation Department kept the Field Usage Fees, they could then use those funds to cover the cost of repairing the fields.

Motion was made by the Tom Purvenas to close the meeting, seconded by Dan Finocchi.

Minutes approved February 16, 2012.