

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting
March 19, 2014
West Deptford Township Building – Conference Room**

Attended by John DiCarlo – Chairman/ Soccer, Bill Gore – Board of Education, Kristin Sorrentino – Cheerleading, Amy Leso – Family Fun Day/WD Little Theatre/Miss WD, Matt Carroll – Football, Jay Barquero – Lacrosse/Wrestling, Phil Cohen – Little League, Jean McCloskey – Seniors, Tom Purvenas – Secretary/Scouts, Brandon Umba – West Deptford Township, Jeff Hansen, Township Committee, Matt Moore – West Deptford Township, John Dunda – Member-at-Large, Steve Jakubowski – Member-at-Large, Bob Matlosz – Member-at-Large,.

Meeting called to order by John DiCarlo – Chairman.

Brandon Umba – West Deptford Township

- Distribution of Lists of Volunteers
 - Cross reference list from township with membership in organizations.
 - No price of cards for volunteers with successful background checks.

Police Chief Sam Di Simone – West Deptford Township

- 30 Names of background checked volunteers unassociated with an organization
 - Reviewed list in meeting, several names identified.
 - To provide electronic list for further review.

Approval of February 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Motion by John Dunda, Seconded by Jay Barquero. So carried.

Roll Call of members by Tom Purvenas - Secretary.

Meeting was opened to the organizations.

Chairman – John DiCarlo

- During new business we will vote on Oldt Award

American Legion – Bill Gore

- 4 Teams in league
- Season to start on Memorial Day

Basketball – No report

Board of Education - Bill Gore

- Musical at end of month, 28, 29, 30th
- Text alerts being implemented for athletics

Brandon mentioned that there were discussions with Mr. Morrell about the establishment of a Field Hockey Club for 5th & 6th grades, currently there is a 7th & 8th club at the Middle School.

Also the township had a meeting with the Board of Education about shared services with the Township. For recreation the discussion surrounded the HS use of the Union Field. HS and American Legion use Union Field not Little League. Looking for the HS to assist with maintenance around field and bleachers.

Cheerleading – Kristin Sorrentino

- Registration in May.

Family Fun Day/ Miss WD/West Deptford Little Theatre – Amy Leso

- No Report.

Football – Matt Carroll

- Golf Tournament fundraiser at RiverWinds on June 16th
- Rock resolved and moving forward.

Lacrosse – Jay Barquero

- No report

Little League – Bill Gore/Phil Cohen

- Opening day - April 12th – 9AM
- Eastern Regional July 31 – August 7th
- Gator has been fixed
- Supreme Exterior making field improvements for LL

Seniors – Jean McCloskey

- 44th Anniversary lunch had 160 people.
- April release of T-shirts sponsored by WD Municipal Alliance

Scouts - Tom Purvenas

- Middle of scouting season.
- Should see 4-5 new Eagle Scouts this year.

Soccer – John DiCarlo

- Defer to unfinished business for discussions with Blair Parkin on field usage.
- Starting playing this week on March 15th.
- Registration closed.
- Not using RiverWinds fields yet, should start in April.

Street Hockey -

- No report.

Wrestling - Jay Barquero

- Planning banquet for Funplex in May/June timeframe.

Unfinished Business

Blair Parkin, Soccer Field Proposal – West Deptford Park

- Soccer would consolidate operations at West Deptford Park
- Willing to make a financial commitment to maintenance costs but they would want exclusivity.
- Lighting costs would not be able to be separated since there are maintenance/basketball/skate park all on same electric meter.
- Free up RiverWinds for Lacrosse.
- Free up Little League fields.
- Soccer would be able to have all the kids in one facility which would help safety concerns.
- Would still need additional fields for thanksgiving tournament.
- Control field rotation to maintain field conditions.
- Shared services with BOE around HS Soccer use and night games.

Response - Brandon Umba

- Agree with proposal and believe it needs to be a multiyear implementation
- West Deptford Park is a Green Acres facility funded by State
- Discussions ongoing with state around creation of a light usage fee
- This year there are softball leagues scheduled to play on fields A,F,E,D
- Fields B,C to be eliminated by PSEG as part of cleanup of power line project

- Curtailing use of fields at WD Park after this summer with fields B, C last being used on June 8th.
- Next field to be converted for Soccer is F.
- Green Acres rules will drive how things progress going forward.
- Fee Schedule to be proposed to committee;
 - Electric at parks \$17k to \$35k per year
 - WD Park \$53 per day
 - Proposing \$250 per week for field with lights

Blair would like to see proposal move forward today given promise from last meeting that Soccer would have time make a proposal before summer rentals of fields

Brandon states that usage needs to move forward as last year since use of WD park was advertised and approved with 3 organizations submitting and getting approval for softball leagues.

Response - Jeff Hansen

- Proposed to move forward with goal of not leasing out any space after June expiration of current commitments.
- Propose subcommittee to review Soccer proposal and to remove and address any conflicts with sports in town.

Brandon proposed taking a resolution to Township Committee in support of moving WD Park to public use rather than leasing out space to outside organizations.

Proposed creation of Subcommittee to review Soccer Field Proposal

- Membership of Subcommittee to include the following individuals;
- Tom Jakubowski, John DiCarlo, Tom Purvenas, Phil Cohen.
- Also review shared services with School Board.

New Business

John DiCarlo – Chairman

- April 16th meeting to have Drug Awareness presentation by West Deptford Police. Organizations are encouraged to bring additional members to presentation.
- Thank Brandon for support for leaving organizations allotments in place.

Jeff Hansen – West Deptford Township Committee

- Questions about submissions of organization budgets to township as part of allotment allocations. Past practice has been to have organization budgets in by Oct 31st.

David Sileo – West Deptford Environmental Commission

- Looking for volunteers for April 26th

- Earth Day clean-up efforts
 - Cleanup of RiverWinds Drive and riverfront
 - Strawberry Vale and storm basin planting
- Willing to partner with other organizations in town on clean-up efforts.

Matt Moore – West Deptford Township

- Should consider excluding Scooters at skate park due to damage this type of use causes. Proposal similar to rules in surrounding municipalities such as Washington Township and Logan Township.

Bob Oldt Award Nominations – John DiCarlo

- Two nominations received for Bob Oldt award this year
- Greg Ley by American Legion
- Jimmy DePrince by WDLL

Proposal to vote for Bob Oldt award by show of hands – Motion by Bob Matlosz, Seconded by Phil Cohen. So carried.

Vote of members called by Chairman.

- **Greg Ley received 8 votes**
- **Jimmy DePrince received 4 votes**

Greg Ley selected for Bob Oldt award by vote of Recreation Advisory Committee. Recognition to be made at the first May Township Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Jay Barquero to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Dunda. So Carried.

Next Meeting – April 16th 7PM