

**West Deptford Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting
18 APRIL 2012**

Attended by Greg Ley – Recreation Director, Matt Moore – Recreation Foreman, John DiCarlo – Chairman, Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Liaison, Robert Matlosz – Member At-Large, Jim Robinson – Secretary/ Soccer, Elizabeth Curtis – Lacrosse, William Bennett – Little Theatre, Steve Schneider – Football, Holly Battle – Cheerleading, Tom Purvenas – Scouts, Mark Perry – Basketball, Amy Leso – Family Fun Day & Scholarship Pageant, Dan Finocchi – American Legion Baseball/Little League, Jean McCluskey – Seniors,

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Roll Call of members by the Secretary.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Motion by Tom Purvenas, Seconded by Steve Schneider.

Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Steve Schneider, Seconded by Jim Robinson.

Reports:

Sean Kilpatrick – Township Committee Representative

- Update on the Field of Dreams Project – Park will be closed on the weekends of April 28th / 29th and May 5th / 6th for the restoration project. Greg Ley will put a notification on the township website that Field of Dreams will be closed until May 19th for renovations. Solvay Solexis and Johnson Matthey donating funds and employees for the project. Solvay also donated the power washing and crushed concrete, while Johnson Matthey donated the painter and roofer for the Gazebo and also the landscaping. The park will be rededicated on May 19th.

Greg Ley – Recreation Director

- Sara Hatton submitted the Positive Coaching Alliance – this is an evaluation process to hand out to parents of sporting organizations. The parents would then evaluate the organizations coaches. Eric Campo is currently reviewing.

John DiCarlo – Chairman

- At next month's meeting, Sean McKenna, will give an overview presentation to the Recreation Committee for signs of abuse.

Meeting was open to the organizations.

Baseball – Dan Finocchi

- Opening Day was April 14th. Approximately 750 players registered on 70 – 75 teams. Little League has hired a person to maintain, clean and lock up the bathrooms each night. They may also do the bathrooms at Field of Dreams.

Boy Scouts – Tom Purvenas

- thanked the township for fixing the railings at the Scout Building

Basketball – Mark Perry

- Basketball is going to run a 4 week boys/girls clinic beginning the last week of June at Riverwinds.

Soccer – Jim Robinson/John Dicarlo

- Fall Registration is open for the travel, intramural and micro-mini programs. Soccer is using the online GotSoccer website, along with in person registration at Riverwinds on May 4th 7 – 9 pm, May 5th 9 – 11 am, May 11th 7-9 pm and May 12th 9 – 11 am. Fall tryouts for U8, U10, U12 and U14, will be held on May 14th, 15th & 16th and West Deptford Park. U9, U11 and U13, will be held on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd at West Deptford Park.

William Bennett - Little Theatre

- Summer Program will be Aladdin, Willie Wonka and Little Mermaid
- Waiting on the School Board approval for use facility use.
- Little Theatre Building is in need of repair; Matt Moore will have someone look at the roof.

Jean McCluskey – Seniors

- Attending the Norfolk Azalea Festival at the end of the month
- Filing cabinet is being moved out of the Little Theatre Building

Lacrosse – Elizabeth Curtis

- There has been some vandalism at the field and buildings. Doors are trying to be kicked in and now are hard to open/close a result. The gate is currently broken and can not be closed, leaving the buildings open to vandalism. The toilet has been fixed.

New Business

- John DiCarlo brought up the subject of the Field Usage Fee – Maintenance Fee. How do we know that the individuals using the field are authorized and have paid the fee? Is an Identification card issued? Greg responded that the person who applied for the Field Usage has a copy of the signed form which needs to be presented to the ranger on duty if they ask to see it. A schedule is also posted at WD Park for the rangers of who is playing, name of applicant and the game schedules.
- Greg only has 6 rangers to cover the skate park, WD Park, Riverwinds and the Boat Ramp.
- Matt Moore expressed concerns about the High School teams using WD Park, Field of Dreams for baseball and soccer. Would like the High School teams be responsible for lining the fields this year.
- Need to sit down with the varsity coaches and establish ground rules, in writing, for clean up procedures
- Lily Gilligan, who has a child in Lacrosse, raised some issues about the By-Laws and practices for Lacrosse. She also has met with the Lacrosse Board to discuss. Her other issue was about an out-of-town player.

Motion was made by the Tom Purvenas to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Matlosz.