

Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. Call meeting to order, 7:30 P.M. – Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

II. Roll Call by Secretary:

William Schilling	Chairperson	x
John Pappalardo	Vice-Chairperson	
Shawn Armstrong	Member	x
Tracy Church	Member	
John Hebble	Member	
Steve Koreivo	Member	x
Charles Kranz	Member	x
Bob Nosenchuk	Member	
	Member	
Colleen Ruth	Alternate 1	x
Dee Garrison	Alternate 2	x
Janet Meisner	Recreation Director	x
Dan Rafferty	Council Liaison	x

III. Chairman’s report – Bill Schilling

Kate Walsh is resigning as of this meeting. We have an opening which is open for any township resident. Since the meeting of all the heads of the volunteer committees and commissions, and a meeting between the Township Manager, head of Open Space and Environmental Committees/ Commissions there is some interest from the Environmental Committee to have a member that serves both committees. Until this occurs, Shawn Armstrong will serve as liaison to the Environmental Committee. Colleen moves up to regular member and Dee Garrison becomes 1st alternate.

The bid for backstops and fencing at Neil Gylling was accepted and the work of pulling out the old fencing has been done. Dependant upon the weather, the hope is that the work will be completed prior to the opening of softball season. Dan Burlew asked if his recommendations for changes in fencing were addressed. The Township manager has taken on this project.

IV. Open to the Public:

Dan Burlew, President of Girls’ Softball made a presentation on Donations that the Lenape Blazers Softball organization would like to make. They are as follows:

- A refurbished container to be used as a concession stand. Would it be town owned or league owned once installed? Would it require Planning Board approval? The suggested locations would be either just inside the guardrail on Mansfield Drive next to the electric service so that an extension cord could be plugged into the electric service there. Second possible location is directly across the street between the tennis courts and the street. Third possible location would be in the current parking lot near the sheds. Is there enough power on the box by the guardrail? Would they be required to have indoor lighting?
- Permanent Batting cage. Should it be permanent or moveable? Three possible locations were presented; Just inside the guardrail near Lubber’s Run, across the street by the tennis courts, by the bathrooms. The pitching machine would require a source of electricity.
- Bench Covers (sort of dugouts) for each field.

Janet and Dan will talk to the Township Manager after talking with the Zoning Board, Building Dept and DPW. Then softball will need to meet with the Donations committee to put together a final proposal.

Steve Korievo, President of Hobb Engler Baseball stated that he had just emailed the specs on the quad that they hope to use this year for field maintenance to Bill, Janet and Joe. It will need a trailer attached to it to carry supplies such as lime and speedy dry. The quad is being donated by Scott Griswald. Once it is donated, who will own it? The Little League Board or the Town? The manual for the quad states that there cannot be a passenger and that the recommendation is that no one under the age of 16 use it. The Board realizes that they will have to have all drivers sign a hold harmless clause. Steve would like to have the use of the quad and trailer on the March agenda for approval.

V. Approval of minutes - January 12, 2009

Dee moved to approve the minutes, Charlie second, passed.

VI. Committee Reports

- Andover/Byram Chamber of Commerce: John Pappalardo – no report
- Board of Education: Open - No report
- Buildings and Grounds: John Hebble – No Report
- Byram Day Committee: Byram Day is scheduled for Sept 11 with a rain date of Sept 12. It will be held at Neil Gylling Park. Parking will be at the school. Is there enough parking? May have to consider parking at the Civic Center or Wild West City
- Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance: Shawn Armstrong –No report
- Open Space Committee: Bill Schilling – We are 10 days away from signing the contract for the Hudson Greenway parcel. There may still be some issues with the dam. We should be looking at the proposed field layouts. Steve said it looks like the layout with 2 fields provides more space than the layout with one field. Bill said that the space is tiered. 2 fields would require the least amount of excavation. If we wanted to plan for a future field of artificial turf, we would want the largest field possible.
The Recreation Committee needs to begin thinking in terms of passive recreation as well as active recreation as we now own several parcels of land that lend themselves to passive recreation more than to active recreation.
- Volunteerism Committee: Steve Korievo, Bob Nosenchuk, Shawn Armstrong –No Report
 - Scouts Sub-committee: Bob Nosenchuk
 - Memorials and Honorariums Sub Committee: Steve Korievo, Bob Nosenchuk
- Shared Services: Steve Korievo, Colleen Ruth, John Hebble, Bob Nosenchuk - No Report
- Sports Council: There was a Sports Council meeting tonight prior to the Recreation Committee meeting. It went well. We discussed all the spring sports and made tentative spring schedules. We also reviewed the proposed changes in the facility application. Heads of the organizations were asked to forward their suggestions or ideas on the changes.
- Strategic Planning: Tracy Church, Charles Kranz
Charlie began working on developing a mission statement. He will email potential mission statements to the sub-committee for their comments.
 - Capital Improvements Sub-committee: Bill Schilling, Steve Korievo
- Youth Guidance: Tracy Church, Dan Rafferty – Dee is added as liaison.
Dee reported that the January dance was held in the annex café' and although it worked, it was tight. They had some difficulty in keeping the kids with food in the designated food court area. They are scheduled to hold the remainder of the dances for the year in the Annex Café, but would like to move back to the APR. Janet will check to see which groups are using the APR.
Dee also reported that she had been informed through the Public Relations Committee at the school that budget cuts will cause 6:00 pm school closures and will end the dances among

many other things. The school will not be able to support custodians who are not paid for by the groups using the schools in the evenings.

Dee and Shawn left at 9:00

- Council Liaison: Dan Rafferty
Dan reported that the council was in favor of the concept of naming baseball fields Volunteers Field and Veterans Field. Steve will meet with the Hobb Engler Board to decide which field should be named what. Bill said that Hobb Engler or any other organization can put up banners similar to the sponsorship banners celebrating people who deserve to be honored.
- Recreation Director: Janet Meisner
The proposed changes to the facility application were discussed and copies handed out. Comments or suggestions should be emailed back so that it can be adopted at the March meeting.

VII. Any other items from the committee

- Town Committee Collaboration Meeting – John Pappalardo
- Recreation facility use application & regulation enforcement – Dan Rafferty
- C.O. Johnson backstops and fencing – Bill Schilling
Steve is trying to get the representatives from Hobb Engler together to discuss updating backstops at COJ.
- Capital Improvements Chairs Meeting – Recreation, Open Space, Environmental – Bill
- Neil Gylling work donation – Dan Burlew from Lenape Blazers

VIII. Open to the public

IX. Adjournment

Steve moved to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Charlie seconded