

MINUTES
Delanco Recreation Commission
April 10, 2008

The meeting was called to Order at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Hildenbrand, Mrs. Jass, Mr. McFadden, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Rust, & Mr. Letizio

Members absent/Late: Mrs. Letizio

Mr. Rust led the flag salute.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 in the following manner. Written notice has been given to the *Burlington County Times* and the *Courier Post* and published in their January 7, 2008 edition. Written notice has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

CORRESPONDANCE: Pamphlets and Catalogs. Bill for BCT flower show, voucher from Donald Chadwick for senior luncheon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Jass, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2008 Recreation Commission meetings.

All were in favor and the motion was carried. Abstentions Ms. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Letizio

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. McFadden seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick to accept payment of bills for April 2008. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Ms. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ms. Quinn to approve the treasurer's report for April 2008. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Richard Furness from DYSA came to the meeting. He discussed rehabilitating the batting cages, need to raise the fencing up to 13 feet. It is presently at 10 feet. It was done wrong originally. The quote is \$5,000.00, he will look into other places to get quotes. The question was raised if it should be netting or fencing, he would like fencing. Mr. McFadden stated quote was wrong, the fencing people will come in and give additional quotes. Backstop for Pearson school was quoted at \$7500.00. Mr. Letizio suggested a quote from Harris Fencing. They would also like two equipment boxes for T-Ball and Walnut Street fields. Ms. Fitzpatrick will check with Mr. Livengood if they will allow the equipment boxes at Walnut. Mr. Furness said that he would like the trees removed because they are falling on the batting cages. Ms. Fitzpatrick said that they would get John Fennimore to remove them. Mr. Rust suggested utility boxes at Home Depot may be cheaper than the equipment boxes and it would serve the same purpose. Quote for utility

boxes are \$500.00 a piece.

Ms. Fitzpatrick made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment boxes as long as Mr. Livengood approves the ones at Walnut Street, Mrs. Jass seconded, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Ms. Fitzpatrick made a motion to purchase the necessary items for the batting cages, when all the estimates are in, Ms. Quinn seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried. Mr. Furness brought up some things he would like to see in the future. Opening day he would like a flag, Mr. Rust let him know that one is on order and should be installed this week. Mr. Furness stated that he works for Seamans, they would be willing to donate the power panel and lighting, poles and electrician would all that would be needed. Mr. Rust said that neighbors would probably object. He also stated that it is difficult to go from a baseball field and make it a soccer field. He said another field is needed. Ms. Fitzpatrick said maybe they can revisit the field behind the municipal building next year. DYSA bought the dragger for the fields. Mr. Furness said he would like to get new breakaway bases to come up to Little League standards. He would like to do tournaments in the future.

Mr. Steven Lohr from Boy Scout Troop 19 came to the meeting. He needs to do a service project for his Eagle Scout badge. He decided to put in a pocket park at Burlington and Pine Streets. He seeded and the first week in May they will put in the walkways. He needs monetary help, he did send out letters to businesses for money. He needs to install fencing. And Landscape trees. The scouts will maintain the park. Ms. Fitzpatrick will call the water company to see if they can put in water Spigots.

Ms. Fitzpatrick made a motion to donate \$3000.00 to Stephen Lohrs scout project, Mrs. Hildenbrand seconded the motion, All were in favor and the motion was carried.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Since no there were no further comments the meeting was closed to the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Committee: no report

The Master Planning Task Force:

The Program Operations Committee:

1. No Accident Report submitted
2. Volleyball: going well attendance is good
3. Memorial Day Parade: May 25th Speaker from McGuire will be at the parade. The bands will remain the same. Riverside will not be able to do flag and taps. Mr. McFadden said to send letters that the parade is not for campaigning, it is to memorialize the fallen heroes of our country. Mr. Rust suggested getting guidelines from American Legion to send out for rules and regulations at the parade. Grand Marshall, Mr. Rust will ask Ralph McCoullough. Mr. Rust will talk to Reverend Elliott about honoring him at the parade, he is always there when needed. Water only will be given out at the parade.
4. Recreation decided no Family Day, they will look into piggybacking with the Firehouse for Community Day.

The Facility Operations Committee:

1. Mr. Letizio fixed the issues at the skate park. He suggested that the area be inspected for safety. Mr. McFadden said that the insurance man may shut the area down if it is in that bad of shape. He said when doing this that policy rode by several times and they never stopped to

see what he was doing or ask the kids about helmets. He also said that there are several repairs that still need to be made, like the flooring on the surface itself.

Select/Ad Hoc:

1. DYSA: Opening Day is April 19th with a rain date of April 20th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Budget: Week of April 21st Budget will be introduced, Ms. Fitzpatrick said she is not sure what Rec. is getting.
2. Ms. Fitzpatrick will look into the Chess Club. Someone told her that the school has a Chess Club and it might interfere with theirs if Rec. has one.
3. Mrs. Jass will look into getting the Jenkins Building for a Rec. Center. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated she talked to Mr. Peter Hovnanian about Rec. Center. He said he wanted an amount for a donation. She thought maybe he could do the inside and Rec. could try to find a way to purchase the building itself. She suggested that Ed Schaffer come out and look at the building to see what might be needed to repair it.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Mr. Stephen Jass attended the meeting and had two suggestions. One suggestion was for a shad event. The second was Babe Ruth Day, people pay \$10.00 for batting and there would be a cash prize. The event could have a couple of groups, seniors, middle age, and teenagers. Mr. Letizio suggested maybe a parade from the train station with Sharkey, from the River sharks.

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Since there were no comments the meeting was closed to the public.

COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Administrative: TBD

Master Planning Task Force: TBD

Program operations: Memorial Day Parade May 25, 2008

Facility Operations: TBD

DYSA: April 23, 2008 at 8:00 PM at Township Building

Youth Advisory Group: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Jass, seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. All were in favor and the motion is carried.

Jane Ballinghoff
Recording Secretary