

January 24, 2018 Bound Brook Recreation Commission Meeting

The January 24, 2018 Bound Brook Recreation Commission Meeting at the Bound Brook Recreation Center was called to order by Doreen Todara with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Statement at 7:34 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Nick DeVecchio	Present
Sara Feuker (Alt)	Present
Rich Jannuzzi	Present
Dom Longo	Present
Bev Pranzatelli	Present
Joan Ruberto (Alt)	Present
Rena Shivers	Present
Domingo Silva	Present
Doreen Todaro	Present
Dave Vioreanu	Present

Liaisons: Abel Gomez; Rob Dixon

Guests: Tom Specian, Howard Wagner

Approval of the prior meeting's minutes:

Motion: Rich Second: Bev All in favor: yes Abstain: Sara Feuker; Domingo Silva

Reorganization

Chair: Nomination: Dom Motion: Dave Second: Bev All in favor

Vice chair: Nomination: Dave Motion: Rich Second: Bev All in favor

Secretary: Rena Motion: Rich Second: Dom All in favor

Committees:

Finance/policy: Rich/Sara

Pool/personnel: Rena /Joan

Programs: Dave/Domingo

Facilities: Nick/Bev

Guests:

Tom and Howard were involved with Little League baseball in Bound Brook for years. Joe Cuna and Doreen met with Patriots to see if there was interest in helping out. They will send out their ground keepers to assess our fields. We can sell concessions at stadium to raise money. What would Tom and Howard be willing to do get little league up and running again? Per Patty Joe there are no funds left in little league fund and there an amount of \$1000 due. Someone needs to reach out to Middlesex Little League to get the money to pay the bills. The Rec Commission will be taking over the utilities at Tea Street. We are trying to generate teams at every level. The Somerville

Guests: - continued

league is a possibility. Tom and Howard would be willing to help Doreen get things up and running for kids who do not want to play in Middlesex and to assess the equipment. Clinics were run in the old days of little league to get people involved in little league. Little League started small and expanded to more teams and more levels of play. We need to get the word out through the schools. There were teams from tee ball to 16 years old. Fund raisers were run by the Little League and the concession stand was a money maker. Little League trained the umpires. Uniforms and baseballs were the major expense. The expense got to be too much in the last couple of years. We need a core of people to get baseball up and running. Tom would like to reach out to the high school coach. There should be a subcommittee under programs for baseball. Howard and Tom would be willing to help anyway they can. We will start with wiffle ball event on Sunday and see how much interest there is.

Director's Report

Rob – free online registration – Blue Sombrero does not keep track of facilities. We could start with a free program and move to a more complex program at a later date. There is a service fee for credit card use. There are coaches' pages. Sounds like a good program to start with. We can use Blue Sombrero for spring signups. Dave made a motion to set up Blue Sombrero for spring sign ups. Second: Rich All in favor

Recommendations to Council for Rec Commission members were overlooked. In the future, a letter should be sent to Borough Administration and have it added to agenda for November meeting.

New members were welcomed.

Tea Street Complex: Middlesex Little League is no longer allowed to use our facilities unless the use our facilities request procedure. The hut was not left in good condition last year. We will look into having it professional cleaned. We need a quote to clean the hut.

A blanket bill should be sent to Middlesex for the utilities at Tea Street.

Full Count still on board to help us with facilities and to assess fields.

Codrington Park: DPW has agreed to check our gutters four times a year. The gutter may have been the problem with the water inside the Rec Center.

Dale came to look at a few issues on property. Our hit wall needs to be checked out. Will have someone come out and check on it. Pictures were sent to Hector.

Director's Report: continued

The air conditioning was never put underground. It drips and in winter causes ice and in summer wet spots. Abel – seems to be an easy fix.

Doors in back closet: the heat from the main gym is supposed to go into closet and it does not. On cold days it gets very cold in that room and that's where water comes into the building. Afraid pipes will freeze

Billian: No update

Rock Machine: Nothing to report. The engineer gave a price and quotes have come in almost triple price engineer gave.

Pocket park: It would be nice to blacktop it.

Finance: Rich presented financial report - we have a budget. We did get a \$1000 grant for soccer programs.

Programs

Soccer: looking for new place for spring soccer. South Bound Brook is staying with Bridgewater. Dunellen and Middlesex have small soccer programs

For the spring: US sports suggested SYSL. They have rec level teams from u-10 up to high school. It is rec league located in Mountainside. Non carded players only. 10 games a season with 5 home and 5 away. They will send out reps to check out our fields.

There is an end of season tournament with SSSL. This is a new league. We would have a seat on the committee for this league. There would be a cost with this league. We would like to keep it as low as possible.

Home and away jerseys will be needed. Players would be responsible for uniforms. They are open to sponsors for the uniforms. March 27th starts season.

K-1 would participate in a clinic in town. We could form a 2nd- 3rd grade in town league. We could have separate boys and girls teams. I could be opened up to Dunellen, Middlesex and South Bound Brook. Try it for this spring and if it works out well, open it up for the fall.

Varsity players are carded. For the spring if you have not played at the high school level, you are not carded. Talking about spring for varsity players. It could be voted down.

Home team pays the refs and not included in the registration fee. A fee would be charged.

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K-1 no fee. 2nd& 3rd grade fee would be charged. \$25

Motion to join SYSL: Rich Second: Joan All in favor

Winter soccer training started Saturday at US Sports.

Baseball/wiffle ball: Sunday event two sessions. 4:00 and 4:45. Doreen approached Major League Baseball for grants. Doreen will have a signup sheet for baseball.

New Business

A better Sportsmanship pledge is needed at this time. How to be a good sport.

Sponsorships for all rec sports. A form will need to be set up. A sponsor could choose level of sponsorship.

Survey results were handed out. 57 people responded

We are getting the bike races again this year but they are moving to south side of town.

There was a complaint about dog feces at Codrington. It was suggested more signs be added. Was the police department notified? They can check the cameras.

Explore Having a photographer take pictures of our sports teams.

Can we get the tennis program back in town?

Summer camps? Offer arts once a week. Put together a summer camp committee. The camp starts 4th of July week and runs for 9 weeks.

Wrestling mat needed for rec wrestling for next year.

Adjournment:

Motion: Rich Second: Sara All in favor