



**Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

**Present:** Mike Chipowsky, Brian Ross, Kurt Vollherbst, Todd Brant – Liaison, and Judy Niederer, Director.

**Absent:** Mike Markulec, Cathy Sing, Burt Sutker

**Call to Order/Minutes Approval**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mike Chipowsky, Chair. The meeting minutes of Monday, May 19, 2014 were approved with a motion from Kurt and a second from Brian.

**HT Committee Liaison Report – Todd Brandt**

Todd reported that the settlement with the remaining parcels of Twin Pines is moving ahead. There is still some clean-up underway. The committee members discussed the next steps for improvements on the remaining acres and it was agreed that we would look at the original plans for the site at the July meeting to see if they are still relevant.

**Director's Report – Judy Niederer**

- **Past Events** - Judy reported that the 5/20 to 22 overnight Community Trip to Newport, RI and Block Island was a great success. There were 50 people on the trip and they had a wonderful time. Surveys were taken and the participants enjoyed all aspects of the trip; the accommodations, the meals, the tours, boat ride, etc. all went well. They are excited to take another trip. The 5/30 Phillies vs. Mets at CB Park trip did not sell out. There will be no baseball games in 2015 due to small turn-out. When the local teams begin to perform better, then the baseball games will be reconsidered. A suggestion was made to try an overnight trip to Baltimore (or Boston) for a baseball game. The 6/3 River Lady Cruise on the Toms River was sold out and very pleasant. All participants enjoyed their day on the Toms River and are ready for a return trip.
- **Upcoming Events** – 6/23 Doolan's Spring Lake – lunch and show, sold out, 7/1 Mt. Airy Casino, limited seats available, 7/9 Aladdin on Broadway (limited), 7/23 "Escape on the Lake" at Ehrhardt's Lake Wallenpaupack, luncheon and entertainment (sold out)
- **Summer Camp updates** – registrations continue to come in for the summer camps. The first camps begin next week – baseball and field hockey. Teen Travel numbers are on par with last year as are most of the other camps. Baseball camp numbers are not quite what they should be but expecting last minute sign-ups once again.

**Unfinished Business**

- **Review of Fees** – Judy reported that there is no new information – other recreation directors are very busy this time of year gearing up for all their summer programs. Will re-visit in September so recommendations can be made for 2015 fees.
- **Caturepoint** – Judy reported that the Recreation Department is moving forward with this provider of on-line registration. The township as a whole is looking at a provider for

credit card services which will need to be compatible with Capturepoint. This is a good time to transition to the on-line registration as we are winding down with summer camp registrations and we can get our fall/winter registrations on-line. At this point in time, residents will be able to register on-line but without the credit card component. They will be able to mail in a check. Once we have a credit card provider, we will link this in with the Capturepoint program.

- New members – it was reported that another resident is interested in becoming a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee. Rob Marino is a coach with Next Level Soccer and he has submitted his request and it was forwarded to the township clerk to send on to the Mayor.
- Concert/Fireworks – Mike reminded the committee members of the upcoming event at Alliger Park on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. A classic car show will begin at 6:30pm, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Army Band will perform a concert at 7:30pm and a fireworks show will commence at dusk. Bring lawn chairs or blankets!

### **New Business**

- Coaches safety training - Kurt suggested that we look into requiring all the different groups that use township fields and facilities to complete the Rutgers SAFETY Training class. Not only does the class provide great information and suggestions on how to be a better coach, it also provides safety precautions for volunteer coaches. Once completed, coaches will have immunity against any legal action against them. Judy will draft a letter and send it to all the youth sport organizations asking them what they all currently require of their coaches. This will give us an idea of how many coaches are getting this training and if it is compatible to the Rutgers course. Kurt also suggested that the Recreation Foundation may work with the youth sport organizations to provide some kind of funding towards meeting this goal. This could be in the form of sponsoring the classes (\$200 fee for sponsoring) or to help defray the cost for the individual coaches (\$35/coach). Judy will bring results of the questionnaire to the next meeting.

### **Comments for the Good of the Order**

Judy mentioned that there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on River Drive in Titusville. The festivities get under way at 11am with a Baby Parade, crowning of Miss 4<sup>th</sup>, Bike Parade, Big Parade and the quoits tournament to follow.

Kurt mentioned that a connector trail is now complete that connects Pennington Borough with the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail. The connector comes along Penn-Rocky Hill Road, crosses the bridge and links to King George Road. This takes you into the Borough. Riders can park at Kunkel Park.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm with a motion by Kurt and a second by Brian.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the RAC will be **Monday, July 21 at 7pm.**