



Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014

Present: Brian Ross, Burt Sutker, Kurt Vollherbst, Todd Brant – Liaison, and Judy Niederer, Director.

Absent: Mike Chipowsky, Mike Markulec, Cathy Sing

Call to Order/Minutes Approval

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by Burt Sutker, Vice-Chair. The meeting minutes of Monday, June 16, 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 eminent and the township is waiting on documents to be signed. The committee members asked about any environmental issues and suggested that we do not take ownership if there are any.

Director's Report – Judy Niederer

- **Past Events** - Judy reported that the most recent trips were all sold out events: 6/23 Doolan's Spring Lake, 7/1 Mt. Airy Casino, 7/9 Aladdin on Broadway, 7/23 "Escape on the Lake" at Ehrhardt's Lake Wallenpaupack, luncheon and entertainment
- **Upcoming Events** – 9/2 "A Chorus Line" at the Surflight Theatre in LBI, 9/11 Baltimore Inner Harbor Tall Ships
- **Summer Camp updates** – it was reported that many of the summer camp registrations are down from the past couple of years. This is due in part to the school enrollment numbers decreasing and the possibility that more families are traveling more and taking more vacations. During the recession, many families stayed close to home and took advantage of the local programs. An idea for next spring is to hold an "Open House" in early March for all the summer camps and invite the community to come in and learn about our camps and meet our coaches.

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.

New Business

Review of Twin Pines Plans – The RAC members reviewed the original plans for Twin Pines which shows the additional parcels would accommodate another field(s) and a maintenance shed, restrooms and a playground. The youth sport organizations will be asked to attend a RAC meeting this fall to discuss plans at Twin Pines. It was suggested

that Twin Pines may be a good site for a senior center. Another suggestion that was made was to ask the youth sport organizations for some statistics from the past three years to see how enrollments in their programs are going and do they expect any future growth. This would give us some data for future planning purposes. Kurt raised the possibility of a Hopewell Twp. Community Center with a Senior wing at Twin Pines. Judy will talk with Abigail regarding the status of the Senior Center and the possibility of it being located at Twin Pines. Todd will discuss these ideas with Paul P.

- Kurt mentioned that the property north of the Else property on Rt. 31 is for sale. He thought it might be a good access point to the Else property if the township were to purchase this. Judy will inquire about this property.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm with a motion by Kurt and a second by Brian.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RAC is scheduled for **Monday, August 18 at 7pm.**