

Township of Lower  
Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes

Thursday October 17, 2013

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

**Call to Order**

In Attendance: Deb Johns, Eileen Kreis, Steve Morey, Mitchell Plenn, Mark DiDonato, Bruce Fournier and Lonnie Bedell Jr.

Not In Attendance: David Pacevich, Luke Gegan, Michael Laing

**Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2013**

Motion to Accept-Deb Johns

Second- Mark DiDonato

**New Business**

1. Deb Johns nominated/motion to appoint Bruce Fournier Board Secretary. Second-Eileen Kreis

**Old Business**

1. Mitch/Update on township need for land to be designated for athletic fields. Follow up discussions to be held with Bill Galestock. Soccer field update provided by Mitch Plenn. Seems as though all "Open Space" is not available. Possible land swap with land behind LT Public Works for Land behind Freeman Douglass Park (Bennett) currently owned by State. Township property adjacent to public works may have more environmental/wild life value to state.
2. Mitch discussed need to solidify/finalize 2014 Master Plan which is due Friday October 18, 2014. Capital projects were reviewed. All members expressed concern over the lack of RAB input on past, current and future projects. Board will add to agenda, work session to discuss projected capital plan projects for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.
3. Steve Morey discussed the resolution (via press release in paper) by the township to apply to DOT for Beach Drive upgrades/North Cape May Beach Access Plan.

Uncertainty/Questions as to whether this money has been awarded and exactly what portions of the project will commence.

### **Superintendents Report**

1. Updates were given on: Halloween Pumpkin Festival, Haunted Trails, Trick or Treat times/6-8, Football Program, Fall Soccer Program, township pool, outdoor facility, Jonathan Hoffman Park upgrades, Millman Center renovations.

### **Remarks for Good of the Order**

Mark: Jonathan Hoffman upgrades are beautiful, Bruce: Would like to see Millman Center,

Steve: Need to clarify/better communication. Was the Open Space Grant awarded to us?

Deb: Concern over lack of communication between RAB and Council

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion- Mark DiDonato

Second- Bruce Fournier

Next RAB Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2013