

Township of Lower  
Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes

Thursday November 20, 2014

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

**Call to Order by Deb Johns 7:07 pm**

**Please note, no meeting was held for October 2014**

Members In Attendance: Deb Johns, Bruce Fournier, Mitchell Plenn, Steve Morey, David Pacevich, Michael Laing, Rob Lomoreaux, Lonnie Bedell Jr

Not In Attendance:

Excused: Luke Gegan, Mark DiDonato

Unexcused: N/A

Also in attendance: Jim Ridgeway and Erik Simonsen

**Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2014**

Motion to Accept- Michael Laing      Second- Bruce Fournier

All in agreement/Approved

**New Business:**

- 1) LCMR student Peter Ford is helping David Pacevich with Mapofplay. Peter could not attend however he is scheduled to attend our December meeting to give us an update on the Mapofplay application.
- 2) Discussion regarding LCMR students on RAB in some capacity. Possibly add two students, 1 boy and 1 girl. This would be on a "non-voting" basis. Students could gain knowledge of how small government operates while also volunteering time.

Motion by Deb Johns to invite Tom Conrad to meet with RAB to further discuss details. Second- Lonnie Bedell Jr. All in favor.

## Old Business:

- 1) Rob Lamoreaux took the oath of membership as a regular RAB member.
- 2) Beach Rule discussion tabled. Note: A draft of proposed beach rules will be distributed for review at our next meeting.
- 3) Pool discussion. Presentation by Jim Ridgeway and Mitchell Plenn outlining details provided in a report prepared by USA Swimming. This proposal was originally performed for Middle Township, much of the information: demographics, socioeconomic levels, costs, sustainability are relevant to Lower. The "Aquatic Center" would have many uses. The proposed facility "Aquatic Center" would be used for multiuse training, physical therapy, local and national level competitions and general recreation with three (3) pool(s) housed in one facility/"monolithic dome." The facility will generate revenues from the above referenced uses to cover a good portion or maybe all of the operations budget.

The Recreation Department has a copy of the above referenced report.

RAB members agreed that this is a great time to do this and if the township is going to make a commitment, we should do it right. The RAB discussed that Lower Township should seek partnerships to help fund the aquatic center. **Steve Morey Q-** what would the debt service be on project? **Answer- Jim & Mitch-** We should form a committee to pursue investors. This will also help answer the question as to associated costs, both long and short term. Possibly get a representative to sit on a committee from: DRBA, Freeholders, Lower Township, RAB, LCMR, and Lower Elementary Schools. All agreed first step would be to reach out to County Freeholders to discuss this as an economic development project that would benefit Lower Township and Cape May County.

- 4) Life Saving Station: No new updates to report.

## Public Comment:

N/A

## Superintendent's Report

See Attached

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

Steve provided Mitch information on playground equipment that he brought back from the League of Municipalities.

Lonnie-do we have spots available on the RAB? Deb-May have 1 spot. Possibly recommend Mary Bispels.

Motion to adjourn 8:35pm

Motion-Michael Laing

Second- Rob Lomoreaux

Next RAB Meeting Thursday December 18, 2014