

Township of Lower Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, February 21st, 2013

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

Call to Order

In Attendance: Deb Johns, Eileen Kreis, Frank Simonsen, Mark DiDonato, Lonnie Bedell, Steve Morey, and Jay Eppenbach

Not In Attendance: Mitchell Plenn, Michael Laing and Bruce Fournier

Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2013

Motion to accept – Mark DiDonato Second – Steve Morey

New Business:

1. Presentation by Jim Ridgeway; Jim discussed in length the rising drug problem in Lower Township. He proposed a 2-phase program that he'd like to initiate with the RABs support and possible guidance. Phase 1 has to do with bringing in a very reputable guest speaker to Teitelman Middle School for an assembly. Phase 2 would be targeting 20-25 at-risk students to mentor through a program that sounds promising, but more information is needed at this time.

Old Business:

1. Discuss Capital Improvements Budget- The overall recreation budget proposal was recently submitted to the township. The recreation department is waiting for final approval. The Capital Budget proposal has several important line items to be addressed and will be submitted for approval after the overall budget is approved.

Superintendents Report

1. As stated in Old Business, the overall Recreation Budget Proposal was recently submitted and the recreation department is awaiting final approval.

Remarks for the Good of the Order

1. The RAB discussed at length Jim's overall plan presented at the beginning of the meeting. We were all in agreement that the idea is great one, but many questions and specifications need to be addressed before we can move forward. We are hoping to get leaders from similar organizations to attend our next meeting.
2. Eileen asked if she could host a roller skating evening at Mulligan Field as was done a couple of years ago. In the past this was very successful, and we will discuss this again at our next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion – Frank Simonsen

Second – Mark DiDonato

Next RAB Meeting – March 21st, 2013