

## Township of Lower Recreation Advisory Board

### Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

#### **Call to Order**

In Attendance: Deb Johns, Eileen Kreis, Frank Simonsen, Mark DiDonato, Lonnie Bedell, Steve Morey, Michael Laing, Mitchell Plenn

Not In Attendance: Bruce Fournier, Jay Eppenbach

#### **Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2013**

Motion to Accept- Mark DiDonato

Second- Lonnie Bedell

#### **New Business**

1. Recreation Advisory Board would like to assist the department into looking for area to create new athletic fields. There is a shortage of fields in this township. Areas of interest are CMC Airport and Cold Spring Village
2. It has been requested that the RAB look into formally or informally adding high school juniors or seniors from LCMR to the board.
3. Request of Board to have Councilman Glenn Douglass attend a future RAB meeting.

#### **Old Business**

1. A discussion about the mentor program occurred. The RAB believes there should be a certified counselor as part of this program. Board Members Michael Laing and Lonnie Bedell are going to gather information regarding similar programs.

#### **Superintendents Report**

1. Updates were given on spring soccer, lacrosse, the Easter Egg Hunt and Escape the Cape Triathlon.

**Remarks for Good of the Order**

1. Board member Laing updated the proposed surf fishing tournament. Discussion was to hold it in the fall possibly at the USCG base in the Diamond Beach section of Lower Township. Approvals from fish and wildlife will have to be obtained.
2. Board member Simonsen requested that the RAB support Lower Township looking into being involved with a countywide initiative creating more bike paths. Discussion ensued regarding monies through Rails to Trails Grant program and possibly a meeting between the mayors of Lower Township, Cape May City and West Cape May regarding this project.
3. The RAB was made aware that the Township was preparing an application for Cape May County Open Space Grant for a promenade/fishing pier. The RAB expressed that they would like to be involved in future project choices for grant applications.
4. Board member Morey suggested that Lower Township request open space grant monies through application for the following projects: Permanent Beach Walkovers in North Cape May and Deb Johns suggested the Resurfacing of the Basketball and Tennis Courts at Freeman Douglass Park. The Beach Walkover Plans are included in the Municipal Public Access Plan and a letter of recommendation from the RAB would be forthcoming.

Motion- Steve Morey

Second- Michael Laing

Vote to Approve was Unanimous

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion- Michael Laing

Second- Frank Simonsen

Next RAB Meeting April 18, 2013 @ 7:00pm

Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_