

Township of Lower
Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday May 21, 2015

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

Call to Order by Mark DiDonato 7:02 pm

Members in Attendance: Bruce Fournier, Steve Morey, Lonnie Bedell Jr, Mark DiDonato, Michael Laing

Not In Attendance:

Excused: Mary Rose Bispels resigned? , Deb Johns, Rob Lomoreaux, David Pacevich

Unexcused: N/A

Also in attendance: Mitchell Plenn

Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2015

Motion to Accept- Lonnie Bedell Jr Second- Bruce Fournier

All in agreement/Approved

New Business: 1) Beach Rules Update:

Steve reviewed his comments in defense of the updated rules from the most recent council meeting. There was about a 50/50 split during public comment of those in favor of the restriction of time for dogs and those opposed. The fact remains, a decision has to be made. RAB feels as though this is a nice compromise between dog owners and those 100% against having them on the beach. Council decided to table the matter until June 1. Some on council commented that they would like to open the matter up for further discussion. Although there are other items within the beach rules, dogs seemed to be the focus of concern for most in attendance. Some comments were made regarding the landing of water craft on beach. This will not be "illegal" as the RAB just wants space between these water craft and bathers.

Old Business:

- 1) Pool discussion: Rob condensed all reports into one but was unable to attend. Email was sent out to RAB members for review of plan.
- 2) Soccer Fields: Mitch explained that we obviously are still in need of youth soccer fields. Some progress has been made on the possible donated parcel of land. Once a decision is made (approval or rejection) on the entrance/exit of property by church, engineering will commence.

Still in discussions for swap of land (1:1) regarding Bennett. Township would want to extend lease agreement 20 years to avoid any conflict with state and possible requirements to “put land back to original form.”

Public Comment:

N/A

Superintendent’s Report: Submitted by Mitch

See Attached

Remarks for Good of the Order

Steve asked Mitch what the origins of complaints are concerning Clem Mulligan. Mitch explained that there has been some activity there, police have been notified and that mainly it is an isolated incident/kids just hanging out. Steve also asked about the basketball courts, Mitch said materials are on order.

Motion to adjourn 7:40pm

Motion-Michael Laing

Second- Bruce Fournier

Next RAB Meeting Thursday June 18, 2015