

Township of Lower  
Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes

Thursday June 19, 2014

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

**Call to Order by Deb Johns 7:04pm**

In Attendance: Deb Johns, Bruce Fournier, Mitchell Plenn, Steve Morey, Eileen Kreis, Luke Gegan, David Pacevich, Mark DiDonato

Not In Attendance:

Excused: Lonnie Bedell Jr.

Unexcused: Michael Laing

**Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2014**

Motion to Accept-Eileen Kreis            Second-Bruce Fournier

All in agreement/Approved

**New Business**

- 1) Presentation by Cape May Maritime Museum regarding the 1876 Life Saving Station and Park at Sunset Beach. \*\*See attached. Group would like The Township of Lower to submit a Parks & Recreation Open Space Grant Application on their behalf.

Motion made by Steve Morey to decline RAB support due to existing prioritized list of Township projects within the Master Plan (5 year plan). Second Deb Johns/Agreed upon. RAB recognized the merits of this project and the museum's passion to move forward.

- 2) Beach Rules/Sand Dunes

The RAB recognizes that interest and activity along the DE Bay is increasing and will continue to do so. To protect this area, RAB would like a more formal posting and understanding of existing beach rules and for those rules to be enforced to ensure public safety. Mitch will research to find what is already on file; we may not have to

start from scratch. RAB will evaluate existing rules and make recommendations. Mitch will email his findings to RAB members so that at the next meeting, recommendations can be listed and presented to council. RAB would like council's help enforcing rules and having some kind of personnel presence in season to help control drinking, parking, fishing, jet ski/boat traffic and other public safety concerns.

**Old Business**

- 1) Master Plan: Work continues on Master Plan. Steve will email draft to RAB.
- 2) Beach Drive Access Plan: Discussion of public meeting and decision to shelve project. RAB still supports this project and agrees a great deal of misinformation was presented without accountability/supporting materials and documentation.

David Pacevich discussed interest in KABOOM and the merits of becoming a "playful city." He will explore criteria and report back to RAB

**Superintendent's Report**

Mitch handed out packets of information on upcoming events

**Remarks for Good of the Order**

Steve thanked everyone for their support; Deb commended Steve for taking all questions relating to Beach Drive Access Plan and his efforts to clarify to the public. Eileen announced she will be handing in her resignation from RAB.

Motion to adjourn 9:39pm

Motion- Eileen Kreis

Second-Mark DiDonato

Next RAB Meeting    Thursday July 17, 2014

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

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

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

