

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Notes of January 17, 2012

In attendance: Verita Hill, Chappy Williams, Roger Brown, Michael Radwanski, Niarra Harvey, Bridget James, Myan Morgan, Maureen Ruotolo, and Dawn Thompson.

1. Call to Order – Dawn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. Review of November Recreation Committee Meeting Notes
3. Report from Recreation Director—Dawn shared recreation information concerning:
 - **Winter recreation programs** continue, including Zumba, Line Dancing, Open Gym Basketball, Yoga, BINGO & Family Activity Nights.
 - Our new **Holiday Event** was a huge hit with a large crowd present to enjoy the DJ, dancing, donuts, and pictures with Santa. Thanks to Chappy, Robert, Bridget, and Eric for playing Santa's helpers.
 - Neptune Recreation was awarded a **\$50,000 ACHIEVE grant** through the CDC and NRPA for healthy eating and physical activity. We are assembling a Community Wellness Committee, and working with Morris County Parks, who will serve as our mentor for the two-year grant.
 - We have been working with **Green Acres** to be sure we are compliant with the guidelines for funded field use. More updates on that soon.
4. Upcoming / Current Events—
 - Thanks in advance to Egg Hunt volunteers Roger, Verita, Myan, Morgan, Chappy & Maureen. We'll meet at 8:30am on Saturday, March 31 at Bert Willis Fields.
 - Myan reported **Indoor Track** is in full swing with 32 participants meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6-7:30pm at the NMS Upper Gym. They have 3 upcoming Sunday meets on Jan 29, Feb 5, and Feb 26.
 - Verita shared that the Neptune Pee Wee team placed 3rd in the nation at the **American Youth Football** Championships in Florida. There were over 1 million youth participating, and this is the first time in Verita's 36 year involvement that Neptune made it to the playoffs in Florida.
 - **Biddy Basketball** continues with play at all schools and an AAU group was trying to sneak gym time from Biddy, but we worked with the BOE, who stopped their use.
 - Roger and Michael shared that the 5-week **Indoor Soccer Clinic** started last week at Stanton Sports with 60 participants. **Rec Soccer** will likely start on March 31; online registration has begun and an in-person registration will be held on February 11. Cost is \$75. Dawn will relay soccer's request for help from DPW with the geese problem and the drainage problem on the track.
 - **Veteran's Memorial Park**—Maureen, who is on the committee, shared that the Jan 11 wine & cheese fundraiser was successful; another fundraiser is slated for Sunday, May 6th. Mark your calendars for Sept 28—as the park is the beneficiary of the Mayor's Ball proceeds. Pavers are on sale for the park walkway.
4. 5. Old / New Business—
 - **Neptune Riverfest**—members present shared negative feedback concerning Riverfest being repeated in 2012. Among the feedback—"not a family event, alcohol not contained, can't walk to the event, kids' area right next to beer & wine service, parking was difficult, the area was too congested, there were fewer attractions, not a youth / teen-friendly event, there were no trucks to touch, miss the firehouse raffle", etc.
 - Members present were **sworn in** for a one-year term.
6. Questions / comments were fielded from around the table.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next Meeting: 6pm Tuesday, March 20 in the Upstairs Library.

Tentative 2012 Meeting Dates: 6pm on March 20, May 15, June 19, July 17, September 18, November 20.