

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Notes of April 26, 2011

In attendance: Myan Nichols-Morgan, Bridget James, Eric Houghtaling, Charles (Chappy) Williams, and Dawn Thompson.

1. Call to Order – Dawn called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
2. Review of February 23 Recreation Committee Meeting Notes
3. Report from Recreation Director—Dawn shared recreation information concerning:
 - **Sailing program** participants have been confirmed for the 2011 program.
 - **Family BINGO Night** is being held tomorrow night at 7pm at Gables School.
 - **Yoga** starts a new four-week program on April 27th for the teens after school.
 - **Summer Rec Registration** began February 1st; registrations are slow.
 - We are taking registrations for all of our **Summer camps and programs**—all are posted on our website
4. Upcoming / Current Events—
 - **Easter Egg Hunt** went without a hitch on Saturday, April 16. Thanks to all our volunteers, who were a huge help. Dawn also followed up with a thank you to the Neptune High School students who helped.
 - **Indoor Track**—Myan reported that Outdoor Track has just begun with 35 participants.
 - **Neptune Soccer & Little League**—Spring Soccer & Spring Little League have started.
 - Eric shared that he had some feedback from a Gables resident who felt that the Recreation programs are expensive. Dawn offered to talk with anyone who would like an explanation about Recreation fees & our budget. It is always our goal to keep fees as low as possible.
 - Dawn shared information concerning Boys Lacrosse for ages 11-14. The program is being coordinated by Mike Smurro, from Neptune Middle School.
5. Old / New Business—
 - Oath of Office was administered to Charles (Chappy) Williams.
 - The **Rutgers SAFETY Coaches Clinic** on March 14 had approximately 30 people in attendance. Dawn is taking a course update next week for the newest version of the clinic.
 - Myan shared that Track has its second practice tomorrow. 35 are registered.
 - We are having difficulty getting contracts returned & there are questions regarding the contracts. Dawn will be in touch with Gene Anthony, Township Attorney, for clarification on a few points.
 - The group had a discussion about the Neptune Soccer Association and the re-arranging of the fields this spring, resulting in the loss of the Open Play Field.
 - The group had quite a discussion involving **Sports Groups Contracts**. To date the only sports group contract that has been returned is Soccer. In fact, last year's purchase order for Little League is still not paid as the group has not submitted the required paperwork. Chappy motioned, Myan seconded, and the group unanimously agreed, that all contracted sports groups that receive funding from the township should be required to attend at least 75% of the Rec Committee meetings. That amounts to 6 meetings annually. If a group cannot send a representative to a particular meeting, then at least a written report for sharing should be submitted to Dawn in advance of the meeting.
6. Questions / comments were fielded from around the table.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm. **Next Meeting: May 26, 7pm in the Upstairs Library.**