

## Recreation Minutes

March 1, 2018

**Attendance:** Ryan Blass, Andy Fox, Jason James, Chris Morris, Laurie O'Donnell, Jenn Rebman, Steve Snyder, Michael Razze, Althea Sanders

### **Current programs and events:**

-T-ball registrations are still going. There are currently 50 kids signed up, with potentially 10-15 more expected in the next month. Once the program starts, practices will be on Wednesdays, and the games will be on Saturdays.

-Track and Field signups are still going on until the middle of the month. The program is being hosted by the Glassboro Recreation department and is for children between 8 and 15.

-Youth field hockey has instructors for this year's program. It will be run by Lisa and Todd McConnell and starts next Thursday (3/8) for 2nd-5th grade girls.

-Middle School baseball tryouts will take place on St. Patrick's Day at 9 AM. There will be around 18-20 boys at the initial meeting. Last season, the team played 8 games and will be similar this season as well.

-Quotes are still coming in regarding the upcoming irrigation that will be added to the Lambs Road soccer fields. 3 different companies currently have bids in place. The plan is still to have this project to begin taking shape at some point this Spring.

-Youth Week has been officially moved to week of May 6. However, the dance will have to either stay on April 27 or be replaced by the Spring Dance at the Middle School already scheduled for May 11. Additionally, Career Day was scheduled for May 11; because of PARCC testing, that will have to be rescheduled. The commission is exploring ideas for what will happen with this.

-On March 23, Parks and Rec will be helping sponsor a dodgeball fundraiser to help raise money for the pump track. It will be held in the High School gym from 6-9 PM. Groundbreaking for the track is scheduled for a date to be determined in April.

**After current events:** discussions were held about the tennis courts at Shertel Park. Specifically, the courts being named after Debbie and Tom Slenkamp. Eric Todd was in attendance to talk about the topic, including his letter written to the town council recommending this. After Eric spoke, the

commission went on to discuss various aspects, including whether the Slenkamps served enough time as coaches, whether the continued involvement with the tennis programs meant it was bad timing to name something after them, and how others would feel about the potential naming. Currently, Parks and Rec does not have a policy in place regarding naming parks/courts/fields, contrary to the Board of Education's policy on naming facilities. Ultimately, the commission made a motion that would create a policy to naming facilities around town; it passed in a unanimous vote. Further discussion on the tennis courts at Shertel will be put on hold until a policy is created.

**Upcoming programs and events:**

-SNAG Golf: Dan Rudley and Andy are ironing out dates for the program, will start up sometime in April.

-The Spring session for Healthy Kids Running program starts in April and stop in early May.

-The idea of possibly creating a Middle School sports league was introduced. It would be designed for local towns to compete in their own conference for games.

-Jason James brought up the Spring Nature walk. Parks and Rec would be collaborating with the Environmental commission on this guided nature tour around town. Our commission was in unanimous favor for this.

-Jason also wanted to continue discussion on activities starting before noon on Sunday in town. The previous recommendation from the commission was in favor of this. However, it did not meet approval from town council, in part to it being isolated to just Alcyon and not everywhere. After some back-and-forth, the majority vote from the commission was to curtail any motions to reintroduce the topic until April's meeting.

**Next Meeting: Thursday April 12 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers**