

Recreation Minutes

July 5, 2018

Attendance: Ryan Blass, Andy Fox, Jason James, Jack Kostiuk, Laurie O'Donnell, Michael Razze, Steven Snyder

Current programs and events:

-Summer program updates: this week began the second week of Summer Playground. It takes place at Memorial School and continues until the middle of the month. Summer soccer runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tennis is running at Shertel Park on Mondays and Wednesdays. Ashton Wentzel is running the program for the younger kids, while the Slenkamps are running it for the older ones. The Crispin Basketball Camp ran during the last week of June. It took place at the Middle School gym with about 60 kids participating. Lastly, the Summer Theatre program started on Monday (July 2) at the High School auditorium and will run until the end of the month.

-Yesterday was the 4th of July, which means the annual Freedom Run took place. Over 850 runners registered this year. It was another successful run, a big thanks to all the volunteers helping with street coverages and during packet pick-up. A big thanks also to those that participated in the run and especially to Allison Kostiuk and Eric Stanwood for all their hard work preparing for the event. For next year, packet pick-up night may be moved back to Borough Hall, along with the possibility of moving the time of the race up.

Upcoming programs and events:

-Summer youth basketball will start next Monday (July 9). It will be for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grades at the High School gym. Additionally, summer band will also start next Monday at the High School. Steve Carey and Kate Weber will run the program, which run Monday-Thursday mornings.

-Summer field hockey with coach Tracey Pinque will be taking place at Rowan University on one of the fields off Route 322. The program will run from July 16 to July 20 for girls in 7th-12th grade.

-Micro Mini soccer registrations are ongoing. They will continue throughout the Summer until the program gets underway in September.

-To end our meeting for the month, the floor was open to the public regarding the possible naming of the tennis courts at Shertel Park after the Slenkamps (per the policy guidelines established by the Rec commission). Jay, Gail, Kevin, and Eric Todd all spoke about their experiences with Tom and Debbie Slenkamp. Also, Ryan Dill spoke for his sister Maggie about her time with the tennis program. Lastly, Andrew Pfeiffer spoke on his time playing tennis with the Slenkamps. Overall, the comments were overwhelming positive about how much of an impact the Slenkamps provided to so many on and off the tennis court, not just to those that spoke publicly at the meeting. With the public portion finished, the last step of the naming process will be the vote among the Parks and Recreation Commission members on whether to approve a recommendation to Borough Council. That vote will take place at September's meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 6 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers