

Independence Township Recreation Committee

Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017

Board Members:

Present: Dave Sawicki, Dan Stroessenruther, Rob Patton, Tony Wood, Jim O'Donnell, Carmen Fuela, Agatha Wilke, and Rec. Leader John Cummins.

Absent: Mike Hemberger, Tracy Klimas

Members reappointed: Tracy Klimas, Jim O'Donnell, Tony Wood.

New Member appointment: Mike Hemberger

Cathleen Rafalko stepped down from the Committee.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion made to approve November 3, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- Election of Officials:
 - Chairman – Dave Sawicki
 - Vice Chairman – Dan Stroessenruther
 - Secretary – Jim O'Donnell
 - Field Hockey Commissioner – Agatha Wilke/Tracy Klimas
 - Softball Commissioner – Rob Patton
 - Basketball Commissioner – Tony Wood
 - Baseball Commissioner – Dan Stroessenruther
 - Soccer Commissioner – TBD
 - Community Events Comm. – Dave Sawicki
 - Booster Club Commissioner – TBD
 - Board of Ed Commissioner – Agatha Wilke

- Meeting dates will remain on the first Thursday of each month.
- Justin Choka, disc golf league representative, requested the date of February 4, 2017 for a disc golf tournament to raise money for a homeless charity. Field application to be done through John.

Recreation Director's Report:

- Basketball league is up and running.
- Recommended that next year players be required to state if they will be playing on a travel team. This will give Rec. leagues opportunity to divide teams evenly and eliminate shortage of players on teams.
- Softball registration forms go out January 6, 2017 via mail and online.
- Fees to remain same as last year.
- If Booster Club is eliminated will there be pizza parties for all leagues or none?
- New net for batting cage has to be added to budget.
- Volleyball to hold clinics after school.
- Proper sized basketballs were requested by Tony – especially for girl's league.
- Due to state security risks – all coaches can no longer prop doors open during practice. Doors must be locked.
- Should basketball coaches fill out ratings forms on referee's?
- John going to get Budget Report.

Booster Club Report:

- President Lou Bizzaro trying to finalize Club's financials.
- His recommendation is to dissolve the Booster Club due to lack of membership.
- Carmen will explain to Twp. Committee that the Booster Club will most likely be shut down and that the ITRC would like to still operate the concession stand.
Recommendations on how that can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary, Jim O'Donnell