

***Independence Township Recreation Committee***

***Board Meeting Minutes***

***February 4, 2016***

Board Members:

Present: Dan Stroessenruther, Tony Wood, Matt DeGregoris, Carmen Feula, Cathleen Rafalko, Jim O'Donnell, Tracy Klimas, Bonnie Kelsey, and Rec. Leader John Cummins.

Absent: Dave Sawicki

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion made to approve January 7, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- Representatives from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball league were present. They presented news that the kids from Liberty Twp. and Hope were not included in program. Committee apologized for confusion making it known to group of our reorganization recently and reassured them that it would not happen again.
- Michael Bartz from Bishop Photo Group made proposal to provide sports teams photography for the local sports teams. He offered a rebate to ITRC for packages ordered. He also offered to make vinyl banners for sponsors to be displayed at ball fields.

Recreation Directors Report:

- 7 v 7 football tournament in July is approved.
- February 26, 2016 – Sts. Peter and Paul Church will be having their Stations of the Cross walk.
- May 20-21, 2016 – Relay for Life walk to take place.
- June 5, 2016 – 5K run to take place.
- Softball/Baseball registrations underway.
- John recommended a \$2.00 increase to registrations to cover credit card processing fees if we should start with credit card payments. Motion made to approve. Approved unanimously.
- Role of Booster Club is to get reorganized in 2016.

- Possible outdoor fitness stations to be put in Field of Dreams.

#### Old Business:

- 2016 Budget presented to Twp. Committee. \$3500.00 increase requested. It is under review by Twp. Committee.
- New Field Use Application and ITRC By Laws presented. Both to be reviewed and voted on at next meeting.
- Coordinators are now: Matt DeGregoris- soccer, Dan Stroessenruther- baseball, Tony Wood- parks/field, Tracy Limas-field hockey, Tony Wood-basketball, Cathy Rafalko-community recreation, Dave Sawicki-softball.

#### New Business:

- Liberty Twp. kids to join our programs? Will issues arise if too many kids are put onto teams?
- Warren County Softball League fees brought into question. ITRC paid \$1750.00 in 2015. After close review by John Cummins, it was determined that ITRC should have ONLY paid \$600.00. Discrepancy is being investigated.
- Dan and John are both going to reaching out for possible Grants that may be available.
- Cathy is going to promote family movie nite at park.
- Jim asked if Senior Center could be used for non sport Rec. programs for teenagers.
- Carmen mentioned that a local farmer is interested in farming hay on field next to cemetery. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.
- Due to its growing popularity, Disc Golf Tournaments are going to be considered in near future.
- Matt asked if the Soccer Club could place a memorial at field for a player that passed away recently. Committee strongly agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary, James O'Donnell