

Independence Township Recreation Committee

Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2016

Board Members:

Present: Dave Sawicki, Tracy Klimas, Dan Stroessenruther, Jim O'Donnell, Tony Wood, Agatha Wilke, Carmen Feula, and Rec. Leader John Cummins.

Absent: Cathy Rafalko, Matt DeGregoris.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion made to approve February 4, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- Robert Patton appointed as new ITRC member.

Recreation Directors Report:

- Auditors for Township have made it clear that no major improvements can be done without prior Township approval.
- Mulch has been ordered for Field of Dreams playgrounds.
- Credit card processing via RecDesk is currently being worked on to quicken application process.
- ITRC needs to arrange for umpires for 3rd and 4th grade girls softball in Warren County Softball League.
- John and Dave will be selecting uniforms for softball through a co-op.
- John sent out sponsor letters to 25 local businesses. Six businesses have donated so far and \$1375.00 has been raised.
- An Allamuchy girls basketball coach for 3rd and 4th grade stopped game and pulled an Independence Twp player to center court and scolded her publicly. Incident is being looked into.
- John is looking for some help on March 12 to clear out some trees around FOD property.
- Some old equipment in shed and basement may be put up for donation.

Booster Club Report:

- Currently has four new members.
- \$12,000.00 left in account.
- Club is attempting to set new By-Laws.
- Ideas about fundraisers for scoreboard, dog park, new batting cage, etc.
- Concession stand to open during special events like Community Day, 7 v 7 Tournament, etc.
- Possibility of bringing Booster Club into ITRC as a subcommittee in hopes that more ideas can help with fundraising.
- 501c3 status would still remain intact with Booster Club.
- Issues remain regarding volunteers covering concession stand time. More volunteers needed.
- John asked Agatha to research accessibility to school's Honeywell database for sending out Recreation information.
- Possibility of Centenary College students volunteering to help with FOD cleanups and service to complete Community Service requirements.

Colonial Little League Report:

- MOU with Allamuchy now in effect.
- 142 players already signed up. Almost triple the amount from last year.
- Six clinics in the works.

Old Business:

- We now have 3 photographer options to choose from.
- Tony suggested a Code of Conduct sign be set up for Basketball games.
- Committee agreed that referees should control game before things get out of hand.
- After further review of new By-Laws, motion was made to approve said By-Laws. Approved unanimously.

Recreation Dept. Budget:

- Township to approve \$3500.00 increase requested by Committee. Budget will increase from \$10,500.00 to \$14,000.00.
- Full time Rec. Field Maintenance employee was denied by the Twp.
- One part time employee was approved to work March – October.

New Business:

- Liberty Twp. players to join our programs to be discussed at next meeting.

- New Coordinator position duties were discussed. It was determined that they will serve as representation for ITRC at Twp. sports meetings. They will suggest improvements for sports leagues, and assist with working on budgets for designated sport.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary, James O'Donnell