

Independence Township Recreation Committee

Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2016

Board Members:

Present: Dan Stroessenruther, Cathy Rafalko, Tony Wood, Rob Patton, Jim O'Donnell, Tracy Klimas, John Cummins, Agatha Wilke, and Carmen Fuela.

Absent: Dave Sawicki, Matt DeGregoris.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m..
- Motion made to approve Sept. 6, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Recreation Director's Report:

- Start of field hockey season began with rough start. Guidelines to be put in place prior to next season.
- Possibility of NJ and PA field hockey teams playing together.
- Coaches and officials to have joint meeting prior to season next year. Rule handbooks to be handed out.
- Younger field hockey players should be rotated on an equal basis during games.
- RecDesk payment portal is up and running.
- Motion made to have John send email blast to draw parent interest in becoming new members of Booster Club. Motion approved unanimously.

Booster Club Report:

- Independence Twp. Council wants Booster Club to be in compliance with a full Board of five members prior to Dec. 6, 2016. If it can't, it may be forced to dissolve.
- At present, Booster Club President Lou Bizzarro, is unable to access Club checking account until a full Board is formed.

Old Business:

- Basketball teams have been formed.
- Coaches have met and have gone over rules.
- Clinics to start Dec. 1st and 2nd for basketball league.
- A new indoor soccer league will be taking gym time on Mondays beginning in February 2017.
- Liberty School gym time has been denied to the ITRC basketball league. Agatha will speak to Liberty Board of Ed to discuss why we have been denied any practice time in gym.
- Security is organized for basketball league.
- Basketball league Code of Conduct to follow NJ Model Athletic Code of Conduct.
- The artificial turf for the new batting cage has been rolled out. Cage to be fitted in the Spring.
- At present, adult volleyball league has 14 members, and adult basketball has 6 members.

Additional Business:

- Field Use Policy to be reviewed in January 2017. At that time, revenue from field rentals will be looked at.
- Movie night did not take place. Due to rescheduling, only 3 people showed up. Maybe try for Spring or Summer in 2017.
- Possibility of doing an awards night for athletes on a seasonal basis? It may draw more interest to Rec programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary, James O'Donnell