

The December 10, 2015 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Kevin Barnes.

Present

President K. Barnes
Vice President O. Dittamo
T. Mele
M. Pascucci
J. Mancinelli
D. Andriani

Absent

D. Alvino
D. Palazzo

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A correction was made to the previous minutes-Donna Alvino was present. Additional names of those in attendance at the November meeting are: Leslie Foti, Dora DiTaranto, Dori Scovish, Maria Pisapia, & Naomi Rivera Paez. Oliver Dittamo accepted the minutes of the previous meeting and Tom Mele seconded it.

Council Liason

Mayor and Council said the Tree Lighting went well. Debbie Andriani stated that Carolyn Fontanella has been in touch with PSE&G re:putting caps on the lights on Minnisink Field until we need them again as per Mr. Corrado.

Correspondence

Kevin Barnes questioned the news reported attending the meeting who has attended past meetings re:incorrect information being reported in the news article demonstrating negativity toward the Board of Recreation:

- By-laws were changed in October because of Fasoli
- 40 children from Totowa play for the West Paterson Soccer League
Kevin Barnes questioned-"Do you have proof that 40 children from Totowa play?" The reported responded, "We have notes and emails."
Kevin responded, "Is it proof or hearsay? We haven't seen any proof."
- Kevin stated in the article there was no mention of PAL Coaches at the Mayor and Council meeting. The article was very negative against the town.
- John Mancinelli questioned the reporter had she not seen the lopsidedness to the article-the children attending the meeting had on WPSA shirts and attend Totowa schools, the Coach's wife works for the Totowa school system-none of this was mentioned
- Kevin stated that nothing good the Board does is reported
- 40 children vs 1100 children registered in our town programs and the article supported the 40

John Mancinelli stated that Ricky Fasoli taught a lesson how to be a bully by the way he acted at the meeting.

Anthony Sabatino stated the children went to school the next day saying they were almost arrested because of the parents fighting.

Financial

The financial report 's amount was \$46,644.25- open invoices-

Citizens to Be Heard

Bill Prosperi, Anthony Sabatino, and Pat Liguori from the PAL attended the meeting. Kevin stated that the Board appreciates all the PAL does and the support they show to the board.

Personnel

No report

Field and Grounds

Tom Mele will check the fields this weekend. Mickey showed a picture of a broken swing at the PAL field. Dan Palazzo will take over as Chairperson of the Field and Grounds committee.

Permits

No new permits will be issued until Spring.

Pool

The pool is closed.

Old Business

Painting Night-this was the largest crowd the company ever did-we will do another one in a few months-it was a great night.

Tree Lighting-most crowded- Great Santa! Since we are down 3 people, the board needs more help at our events-the lines by Santa were chaotic.

New Business

None-see programs

Programs

February 13th-Snow Tubing Event-2-4pm-75 tubes are booked-\$20 each-bus will cost \$600 each-buses will leave at 12pm. Sign ups will be Jan.28th- 6-7pm. Final sign ups will be Feb 4th.

Dinner Dance-March 12th or April 9th-looking for bands

Easter Bunny Breakfast will be March 19th.

PAL

Regular meeting was held tonight-Anthony Sabatino and Bill Prosperi were in attendance at the Board's meeting

Report from the Director

See above reports.

The motion to adjourn was made by Tom Mele and seconded by Mickey Pascucci at 8:30pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

Secretary, Board of Recreation