

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2011**

The Hillsdale Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on February 3, 2011 with Dottie Buesser, Ann Cron, Bob Darcey, Rich Gazzillo, Andrew Puller, Peter Scandariato, Dawn Timpanaro, Sara Petro, Michael Giancarlo, and Patty Hughes in attendance.

Absent from the meeting was Michael Holmes.

Chairman Peter Scandariato called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The minutes of Jan. 6, 2011 were approved (Cron/Timpanaro)

**Topics for Presentation/Discussion**

Acting Recreation Director – Patty Hughes will be helping out and filling in until the position is filled. The timing for Kate Leonard leaving is poor. It was relayed to the commission that the position might be turned into a part-time position. Camp positions will remain as it was last year. Signups for all programs is very intense. Camp is a separate issue. Sports organizations usually run themselves and can handle questions from parents.

Fingerprinting- basketball and soccer will be the first sports to start fingerprinting the coaches. Meetings will be set up.

Pre-school Program – approximately 100 kids showed up at Meadowbrook.

**New Business**

Fee/Salary Ordinances – Peter attended the mayor and council meeting. Impression was that they want to roll over money from the budget into the trust fund and cut wherever possible. Recreation programs are supposed to be self sustaining. The trust fund is not part of the general budget.

Hillsdale Hoops 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys travel team – Rob Loganchuk and Mike Cuffe spoke. Rob stated that at the beginning of the recreation season, there were parents ready to help coach the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade clinic. Usually there are 30 boys and 20-30 girls, who all go at the same time, 1 hour, 15 minutes, once a week. No games, no teams. After the times were set, an email was received to change the times because of a conflict for 12 boys on a travel team. Parents wanted refunds. On first day, 30-35 boys were there and only 3 parents. There was no info on Hillsdale Hoops website regarding travel team. Unaware of tryouts. Email was sent to Kate Leonard.

Mike Cuffe, president of Hillsdale Hoops, stated that there was no intent to handpick a team. Around Thanksgiving, an email was sent to every second grade Hillsdale boy who played flag football and/or soccer to determine level of interest in a travel team. It stated that this email could be shared with others and there was a contact telephone number. Spots were on a first come, first served basis. "Not a Hillsdale Hoops travel team" and no tryouts were put in the email. 17 boys showed interest and were divided into two teams. All games played in RiverVale. Practiced in Hillsdale when Hillsdale Hoops had time allocated to them. Already played 5 games, only 3 games remaining. In the future, may come under Hillsdale Hoops umbrella.

Recreation Commission stated that the team was not adequately publicized. All kids in a grade must be notified if a new team is being formed. The issue is that the process was not adhered to. Going forward, this team will not practice in Hillsdale gyms. Rec basketball should be give priority over Hillsdale Hoops when scheduling gym time.

A roll vote was taken to determine if this 2<sup>nd</sup> grade travel team should be allowed to participate in the Hillsdale Hoops March tournament. The vote was 7-1 **against** allowing this team to participate. Therefore, this team will be excluded from the tournament.

### **Reports from Associations**

Jim Raleigh, Hillsdale Soccer Association – asked about closing of schools this Saturday.

Daniel Harada - wants to build benches at Centennial Field for his Eagle Scout Project. He was told that he needs to send a letter to mayor and council asking for their approval.

### **Field Use Permit**

Erick O'Neill – Hillsdale Football Association – approved

Meeting adjourned, 8:25 PM (Cron/Timpanaro)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Reich

Next meeting, March 3, 2011, 7:00PM