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MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2014

The Hillsdale Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on March 6, 2014 with John Corring, Ann Cron, Bob Darcey, Andrew Puller, Dawn Timpanaro, Patty Hughes, and Councilwoman Looes in attendance.

Absent from the meeting were Gerard Dargan, Matt Hausch, and Alyssa Zoll.

Chairman John Corring called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

The minutes of February 6, 2014 were approved (Cron/Timpanaro)

Topics for Presentation/Discussion

Out of control parents in recreation sports – there is a parent who has a daughter in 5/6 grade basketball. The father is extremely verbal during games. Last weekend, the girls on the opposing team were crying because he was totally out of control. He was abusive toward referees (who are professionals), coordinator, and the kids. Last night, his wife was also out of control. The refs spoke to the father and said there would be a technical foul. Patty has had email correspondence with him, but no meeting. There have been numerous phone calls and complaints from other coaches regarding him. There is a code of conduct for coaches and referees, but not parents. Discussed what consequences there should be. Patty wanted to send a letter banning the parent from future events. Police and borough clerk/administrator said it was okay to send letter. Councilwoman Looes said not to send the letter because she was not sure Patty had the authority to do so. Need to have a protocol in effect and follow it. There should be a code of conduct for parents. Decision was that this should be a police matter if he crosses the line again. The coordinator should talk to him and explain that police will be called. This Saturday a police officer will be at White school. Going forward there is a need to have a code of conduct and a protocol. Patty showed a letter to commissioners which will be emailed to the parent before Saturday.

New Business

Minimum wage - Patty spoke to the borough attorney who said that everyone at camp and pool must be paid at least \$8.25 an hour, which is higher than what is currently in the ordinance. Patty also spoke to someone at the NJ Division of Labor who told her that we do not have to pay minimum wage. The ordinance has a salary range in case this changes again.

Camp – camp will be starting June 30th, which is later than usual, but due to snow days, schools are ending later this year. Wanted kindergarten camp at Meadowbrook, but there is no decision yet so might have everyone at White school.

Field Fees – John spoke about fee schedules for Rivervale and Harrington Park. Rivervale does not charge independent sports associations for field usage. Harrington Park does lease fields for a fee. Patty Hughes spoke about Emerson and Park Ridge. Emerson charges \$60/day and \$95/night with a max of 2 ½ hours per game. Park Ridge has an extensive fee schedule.

There was a discussion regarding borough insurance and what it covers.

Suggestion was to rent fields in the summer for a fee of \$125 for half day and it does not have to be Hillsdale residents.

Agreements between town and sports associations - still being worked on. Spoke about field maintenance and the fact that DPW would be maintaining the fields anyway. Spoke about port-a-johns and having the sports associations pay for them. Cost is \$50 per month per port-a-john. John will coordinate a draft agreement for payment.

Remarks from Citizens

Abby Lundy, president of HBSA, spoke about charging the Bergen Pirates, summer team for primarily Hillsdale college kids, \$500, which would be earmarked for DPW use. There is also a for profit group, Batting Circuit, that wants to use the fields in the summer.

Field Requests

Football 2014 - permit granted, but can only use baseball field at Memorial Field on Sundays for home games.

Lacrosse – roster was submitted to Patty, but must coordinate with HBSA & HSA at Centennial Field.

Soccer – approved

Liaison to Mayor and Council

Councilwoman Looes reported that John Noone has been appointed new commissioner.

Meeting adjourned, 9:10pm (Cron/Timpanaro)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Reich

Next meeting, April 3, 2014, 7:00pm