

2013-12-09 Recreation Minutes

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

December 9, 2013

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Lauren Rossi, Steve Danna, Lou Oleksy, Mae Lyons, Scott Allen, and Kim Conroy

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director; Chris Boyle, Secretary

Absent: Dave Guimont, and Steve Phillips

Public attended: 0

Called to Order:

7:07pm

1. Approval of minutes – Special Meeting- November 18, 2013

Motion made: 1st Steve Danna 2nd Lauren Rossi All in favor

2. Approval of monthly budget reports

Discussion

Motion made: 1st Kim Conroy 2nd Steve Danna All in favor

3. Discussion and Approval of 2014 Recreation Meeting Minutes

Motion Made: To accept meeting dates for the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Lou Oleksy All in favor

4. Riverside Park Update/Gazebo and Winter 2014 event

Work will begin on the specs for the Gazebo. The Director would like to begin work on a holiday tree lighting event at Riverside for next winter. The town is looking at applying for a safety grant for lighting for the parking lots at Riverside and Prince Hill; potentially old fashion style street lights.

5. 2014 Recreation Commission List

Lou Oleksy's term will end in January. He will be missed. Lou added a great professional presence to the commission. The Commission thanked him for all his work. Scott Allen's term will be up in March. The BOE and BOF representatives will be decided at their next meetings.

6. Program Update

Summer Camp fees will remain the same for 2014 program. Motion made: to freeze summer camp fees: 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Lou Oleksy All in Favor

Brochures will go out (printed again by the chronicle) next month

A new fitness program will be added

The Toy drive will service 90 children; it will include clothing this year

December 16th is the holiday lighting contest

Open gym averaging 30 players per night

Before and After School program- added a second room and all children on the waiting list have been called.

Between 70-80 letters to Santa have been received

Both New York trips were successful.

Bruins trip Dec 21 is sold out.

7. 2014-2015 Budget Discussion/ Capital

The Director would like to have a small group to work on the budget before it is presented to the full commission to be discussed. Potential additions to the budget:

Part-time maintenance position

Program Coordinator /full time – to handle new programs for children on vacation, holidays, school closings, manage the Before and After School programs, and direct Summer Camp. Still developing the position, revenue could increase substantially.

Fun Day will be managed by the Recreation department

Capital- If the maintenance position is added another truck will be needed.

8. Other Business

BOF- referred Carealot to the Recreation Commission—The Commission made it clear they are welcome to present to the Commission.

The tennis court lights have been moved to inside the building that houses the Boy Scout equipment. This does not allow the Rec. Dept, to set the lights for the tennis courts as the Rec. Dept does not have a key. The First Selectman is looking at moving the box to outside the building to allow for this. The electricity for this building is paid for under the Recreation Budget.

The Prince Hill Building still has asbestos in it that must be removed before the building can come down.

9. Public Time

None

10. Adjournment 8:25 pm

Motion made: 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Scott Allen All in Favor