

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 2, 2011**

The Recreation Advisory Committee held their regular meeting at the Pittsgrove Municipal Building on May 2, 2011.

Members present were Ken Martin, Pat Odenath, Deon Henry and Sam Amico. Alternate members present were Mario Fucci and Demetrica Todd- Hunter. Subcommittee member in attendance was Linda DuBois. Bruce Ricards, John Romano, Jeff Ridgway and Paul Munson informed the secretary they would not be attending prior to the meeting.

Kellie Slade, Anthony Castellini (South Jersey Seminoles) and Charlie Easterwood (Elmer Ace's) were in attendance.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Martin called the meeting to order at 8:00pm with salute to the flag and the reading of the Sunshine Law.

**DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES**

Fucci was designated to perform the duties of a regular member.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE April 4, 2011 MEETING**

On a motion made by Odenath and seconded by Amico, the aforementioned minutes were approved as submitted.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PARK REQUESTS**

Slade and Castellini were in attendance to address any concerns associated with the park request from SJ Seminoles. Martin asked the group why they are requesting use of Green Park. They responded that the program is growing. Mr. Castellini told the members they would like to alter the fields during their use but would return them to condition they found them in. Martin said safety has to be taken into consideration if the fields are altered. Easterwood said that if bases are altered the grass will be ruined. Castellini said he had a meeting with Harry Snyder from Public Works and discussed possible alterations. Martin said that the RAC would contact Harry Snyder to discuss the alterations. Martin reminded them that any improvements that are made are considered a donation to the township. Slade and Castellini said they want to help out with field improvements. Martin has some questions he wants to address with Harry Snyder regarding the field alterations. Easterwood asked if the additional use would put a burden on the township with the additional maintenance. Slade and Castellini said their group

would take care of maintenance for their use. The members thanked Slade and Castellini for coming out to the meeting.

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, approval for the SJ Seminoles to use field #3 on Sundays (pending review of schedule from Elmer Little League to be sure it will not be a conflict with them since they have prior approval).

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Martin told them if they want to use field #4 on Sundays they must contact the RAC secretary to check no scheduling conflict.

Easterwood discussed some field maintenance issues with the committee. Easterwood and the Elmer Ace's have donated a home plate for Field #4 and they also have a pitching mound to donate for the field. Members thanked Easterwood for coming to the meeting.

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, approval was given for park requests from McFarland, Rosa, Stevenson and Richardson.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

### **RESIGNATION**

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Fucci, resignation from Walt Wenner was accepted.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **DOG PARK @ GREEN BRANCH PARK**

DuBois told members nothing new to report on this matter.

### **BUDGET**

DuBois told the committee that the budget is still being worked on and is getting close to final approval.

### **PROBLEMS AT GREEN BRANCH PARK/LONG TERM PLANS FOR THE PARKS/ANIMAL ORDINANCE.**

Secretary told members that the ice machine is in place and should be working by Pittsgrove Day. Secretary told members that PSC has cleaned up the concession stand and what items they have in the facility are stored neatly.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Amico said the events are scheduled and flyers are going to the school. DuBois is going to handle the advertising for the events.

### **EASTER HUNT**

Amico told members the event went well and attendance was good.

### **PITTSGROVE DAY**

DuBois said donations are coming in for Pittsgrove Day. Vendor applications have been coming in and DuBois said she is working on clarifying some of the activities that are being listed. The event is coming together.

### **NNO**

Martin and Fucci said the event is coming together. Donation letters are being prepared and will be sent out immediately following Pittsgrove Day. Activities are being organized for the event.

### **FOOTBALL STORAGE SHED**

Members discussed location of the proposed shed. DuBois questioned why the shed is not being placed with the other storage sheds. Martin questioned why football needs another storage shed. Henry said they want the shed closer to the football fields to avoid the children crossing the traffic when getting equipment to where it is being used. Henry said the shed is not a permanent structure and can be moved in the future if it needed to be. The shed will not have footings but will be anchored in place. The existing storage shed they use will undergo some needed repairs when the equipment is moved to the new shed. Henry said he will contact Harry Snyder, Public Works to get the exact location of the shed organized. DuBois said she likes the idea of the portable shed so it can be moved if need be.

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, approval for PMF to place a portable storage shed at Green Branch Park was approved.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

This approval was given with the condition that PMF, Public Works and Township Committee agree on the location of the shed.

There being no further business on a motion by Amico and seconded by Fucci, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Metzger, Secretary