

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION  
October 20, 2011**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The October meeting of the Cranbury Township Board of Recreation Commission was held in Town Hall on October 20, 2011.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Beth Veghte, Chairwoman for the Township Recreation Commission, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, and Dawn Maisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 2, 2010, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting a personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Beth Veghte, Chairwoman; Wendy Borg, Gene Buckley, Mario Fiorentini, Lynne Fox, Rich Grubb, Dominique Jones and Ed Sekelsky

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Jacobs, Recreation Director; Tim Brennan, Camp Director; Dan Mulligan, Township Liaison

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Ed Sekelsky, seconded by Mario Fiorentini; all in favor.

The minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Lynne Fox, seconded by Wendy Borg; all in favor

**MONTHLY ITEMS**

Budget/Trust Fund Review by Ken – Ken discussed the 2012 budget  
Fees and Permit Review by Dawn – Dawn handed out the permit fee's report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Camp Summary – Tim Brennan updated the Commission on the success of this year's summer camp. He stated that next year's camp would again be 7 weeks. The NYC trips were fantastic, they were fast paced and the kids loved them. The first trip was to Top of the Rock, the second was Ripley's Believe It or Not. Some thoughts for next year are The Intrepid, National History Museum, The Met., Philadelphia's Constitution and Waterfront.

He also said that if we bring back the Little People's program, it would be for children in Pre K (age 4) and they would be included in the K-2<sup>nd</sup> program. They will be allowed to swim, but will be limited to the small, fenced off pool area at the Swim Club. There will not be a half day option.

The Art Director worked out perfect. She was very creative, disciplined with the campers and the counselors respected her.

Many parents donated games and used sports equipment, which kept our supply budget down.

Beth stated that there is a gym in Hamilton which could be used for one of the younger children's trips for next year.

Due to the economic situation of the country, the Commission discussed adding a scholarship line with regards to the Finance Department. Ken will discuss with Denise in Finance. In addition to the scholarship many supplied by Recreation, a number of families donated additional money to assist families in need.

Breakdown of Grant Money for Baseball Field – Ken handed a cost breakdown report of the Ball field grant money. Again, Ken stated that the Engineers fees would cover any over expenses for the well and irrigation. Since, the solar scoreboard is an important aspect of the baseball field, the Commission decided to apply to the Mayors Trophy Committee for the funding.

Tennis Rebound Wall – school – Beth will have Joyce Picariello, School Business Administrator; send an e-mail stating that the school supports the rebound wall to the Trophy Committee. This will be sent.

The Trophy Committee wants to meet with a couple of Recreation members to discuss future project, Recreation may have. Beth, Ken, Gene & Ed would be able to meet next week. Dawn will check availability of the Gallery and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room for this meeting.

Multipurpose Rebound Wall/Basketball Posts – Kudos to the Trophy Committee for approving the replacement of the Village Park basketball posts. Beth has someone to install the posts.

Naming of the new Baseball Field – Tabled until next meeting.

Track – Waiting for proposals from engineers.

By-Laws – Mario again discussed the township codes and by-laws. Dan stated that Recreation should be involved in future Recreation projects and perhaps adding language in the bids for these projects; this would help keep us involved.

Ice Rink/Skateboarding – the current location is the best spot for a permanent rink. Dawn will send an e-mail to Jerry letting him know not to set up the ice rink this year. Ken will prepare a statement to put on the web-site and e-mail blast to residents.

Revised Park Facilities Reservation Form – Tabled until next month.

Revised Field Fee/Form – Tabled until next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kettlebells – Debbie Zboray – Debbie discussed possibly teaching a Kettlebell class in the New Year. She currently teaches in East Windsor, Plainsboro, Robbinsville and would like to teach one night in Cranbury. Dawn will check the school calendar to see if Monday's in the Large Group Room is available for her to teach.

Approved Recreation Vendors for School Flyers – The Commission discussed which vendors we would indorse for the school flyers to go home for children

2012 Meeting Schedule – The Commission decided to continue the same schedule for next year's meetings. We'll meet at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month in the Gallery.

2012 Budget –Ken discussed the 2012 budget. He stated that each board, committee and commission may be asked to reduce their budget by 2% and perhaps even 5%. The commission discussed which programs would be cut and decided that cutting \$250 from Babe Ruth Baseball and \$250 from Youth Basketball Club to start. If necessary, cutting \$250 from the Boat Races and \$500 from Summer Camp.

Golden Agers – Tabled until next meeting.

Park Update – Park evaluated each park. The inventory included maintenance items, short term and long term goals.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ed Sekelsky's membership term expires at the end of the year. He would like to be re-appointed for another five years and Beth will e-mail Kathy Cunningham, Clerk, letting her know.

Betty Conover thanked the Commission for our support for the senior activities. Registration is low for the Senior Trip and Beth would like to open it up to Plainsboro seniors and other township residents.

Lynne wanted to know if the CranFollies was a fundraiser that we're still interested in doing to raise money for the track.

**PUBLIC COMMENT****ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, Lynne Fox motioned the meeting be adjourned, and Ed Sekelsky seconded it. The meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Board of Recreation Commission, and that this document, consisting of three pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 20, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this day 18 of November, 2011.

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Dawn Maisano, Secretary