

**TENAFLY RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2007**

ROLL CALL: Chairman Jerry O'Brien, Vice Chairman Naomi McDermott, Tony Favorito, Pam Walsh, Rich Rodriguez, Robert Sabatino, Peter Fidler, Council Liaison Robert Thompson, Board of Education Liaison Mark Aronson, Tim Roetman

ABSENT: Tom Swift, Alpine Liaison Ann Shaner

MINUTES: Mrs. Walsh motions to accept February 12, 2007 minutes, Mr. Rodriguez seconds. Minutes approved.

AUDIENCE: No audience

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Austin Johnson to Mayor Rustin regarding the Skate Park and a response from Mayor Rustin. Letters are acknowledged. Recreation Commission agrees there may be an insurance risk if the Borough began allowing non-residents use of the skate park.
2. Excerpt of minutes of the February 13, 2007 Mayor and Council meeting are acknowledged in which the Mayor discussed the costs of Recreation programs.
3. Proposed letter to girls softball parents. Mr. Favorito would like to send a letter to all parents informing them the new uniforms are to be returned at the end of the season. Mr. Fidler mentions Tenafly Little League stopped collecting uniforms and now distributes them to keep. Mr. Favorito does not believe there will be a problem recovering the uniforms at the end of the season and would like a motion to approve this letter. Mr. Sabatino motions to approve, Mr. Rodriguez seconds, and motion is carried.
4. Letter from Borough Administrator Joe DiGiacomo to Borough Engineer David Hals regarding tennis court resurfacing is acknowledged.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpine Recreation – No Report
2. Board of Education – Mr. Aronson reports the Mayor and Council have discussed the track project. Councilman Thompson acknowledges the Mayor and Council have discussed the project and will most likely move to approve 100,000 dollar expenditure for the new track.
3. Youth Services – Mr. Favorito has received a permit request for use of the Municipal Field from Youth Services. He will work with Mark Slawson to provide them with the field time.
4. Joint Use – Mr. Favorito met with Vincent Bennenati to discuss winter usage of the schools' facilities. Mr. Favorito mentioned Tenafly Youth Basketball may want to use the Site Supervisor to supervise in the school gyms during the basketball season. TYB would have to pay for this service. Mr. Fidler believes this is a good idea and should be brought to TYB soon as they will be preparing next year's budget within the next 6-8 weeks.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Favorito met with Seth Roland of FDU Soccer Camp. Mr. Roland is willing to run a one-week, hour and a half per day, soccer camp at Recky's Day Camp as part of his soccer program. He is requesting use of the Municipal Field the week of August 13th-17th for his FDU program. Mrs. McDermott motions to approve

the camp, Mr. Rodriguez seconds, and motion is carried. Grace Chapel, church on West Clinton Avenue, is requesting use of the Municipal Field the week of August 6th. Mrs. Walsh motions to approve Grace Chapel, Mr. Sabatino seconds, and motion is carried. The Tenaflly Adult Soccer Club is asking for time during the spring season on the Municipal Field. They would like a two hour block of time once per week. Mr. Favorito feels the best time would be on a Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm where there is currently nothing scheduled in the month of March. Mrs. McDermott motions to approve the Adult Soccer Club for March 17th and 24th on Saturday afternoons. Mrs. Walsh seconds and the motion is carried.

2. Mr. Favorito reports the girls' softball uniforms for the senior division have been purchased.
3. The permits for the Go QB and U.S. Sports Institute camps have been turned down by the Mayor and Council.
4. User fees for use of the Tenaflly fields should be considered. The town of Leonia's fee schedule is used as a potential model. The Commission believes the Mayor and Council should ultimately decide.
5. Money from Recreation Trust Accounts will be re-allocated toward some capital projects. Mr. Fidler asks if the trust accounts are self-sustaining. By viewing the spreadsheet provided they are as a whole self-sustaining. The Recreation Commission is behind using these balances toward recreation-based capital projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Fidler would like to know if there has been any request from Jr. Soccer to join the online registration program. Mr. Roetman reports there has not been.
2. Mr. O'Brien would like to know how the Municipal Field lighting project is going. Mr. Roetman reports bids were opened on March 6th. Councilman Thompson reports the Mayor and Council will award a bid in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Walsh believes the camp counselor application is problematic for applicants who are out of high school. There is a section which requests one reference be a teacher or guidance counselor. Someone out of high school may have a difficult time tracking down a guidance counselor or teacher if they have retired or are no longer at the school. Mr. Favorito and Mr. Roetman will review the applications and make a recommendation for a change.
2. Mr. Sabatino would like to know if umpires and coaches are covered under a town's insurance policy if an injury or incident occurs at a sporting event in which that individual may be held liable. Mr. O'Brien suggests contacting Eifert French Insurance Company to get a clear answer.
3. Mr. O'Brien would like the Municipal Field checked to see if any damage has occurred due to sledding from the hill onto the field.
4. Mr. Roetman reports the Recreation Department's website has been updated with a new opening page.

Minutes approved April 9, 2007

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Roetman

Asst. Recreation Director