

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION
February 18, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The February meeting of the Cranbury Township Board of Recreation Commission was held in Town Hall on February 18, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Ed Sekelsky, Chairman for the Township Recreation Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, and Joyce Martin 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 February 18, 2016 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

Ed Sekelsky, Chairman, Wendy Borg, Dominique Jones and Beth Veghte

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Jacobs – Recreation Director
Lisa Rue – Parks Comm.
Betty Conover – Senior Ctr.
Shirley Bastedo – Senior Ctr.
Kathy Frohbieter – Senior Ctr.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 2015 meeting were approved as a quorum was present.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Update: Kathy Frohbieter – after volunteering for 6 years, Kathy is “retiring”. She will stay for February and March to help “train” the new volunteers. The board recognizes all the effort and hard work Kathy and her husband Jack have contributed to the Senior Center all these years. They will be greatly missed! Perhaps volunteers could rotate to fill-in for Kathy until a permanent volunteer is in place.

Betty Conover wanted to thank the commission and especially Greg Farrington and Rob Weber for all the assistance they provide the seniors. The new water dispenser is greatly appreciated. The old one is located in the hallway and can be recycled. A request was made to check the current delivery schedule to coordinate so that someone can unlock the senior center so that the water bottles can be stored there. We will also try to schedule the Senior Luncheon speakers at least 2 months out so that Betty can let the seniors know what is coming up so they can plan to attend. Beth V. asked whether the seniors would be interested in a “comedy show”. It would probably be held on Saturday at the Church and it would be opened up to other groups (to help off-set costs). Betty wasn't sure how popular that would be with the seniors, we will have her “poll” the group for some feedback. We will also check into allowing Bingo to be played at the center and the availability of movies to the seniors.

Use of the Senior Center: Currently 2 lunches plus the Mah-Jong group are “sanctioned”. There are concerns that the supplies in the room may be depleted by too many activities. The decision to share all the supplies between the various groups was agreed upon. The supplies will be monitored and if any issues arise it will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Attendance for the seated exercise is low – however we will continue to offer this class. We will try to advertise more.

Spring Senior Trip: The Spring Senior trip has been scheduled for May 16th for Great Adventure and The Roost Restaurant. Postcards and flyers will be distributed and the trip will be advertised on the Cranbury web-site.

Betty requested that the presenters/speakers for the luncheon series not “solicit” their services. Joyce will also check out local playhouses and ask for details. Betty also thanked the committee for the new tables.

Small-Sided Soccer Field – plans were received. It appears that there is not enough footage between the tennis and baseball fields – perhaps the scale is incorrect. There will not be a new road. Dominique Jones described the layout. Parking was also discussed (Park Place West and toward Bunker Hill – opposite of the tennis courts), the spaces along the curb (technically TS spaces). There is a lease between the school and the township for those spaces. A copy of the lease has been requested. The field needs to be graded – want to ensure there is enough room. Dominique will bring in plans and copies will be made. Please keep Ed in the loop.

– Need clarification on use of the fields. Ed to contact Jim Turp. Can Jerry grade? Only the small area. The costs would be prohibitive for an outside vendor to grade. We have a budget of about \$2000. Jerry could maintain once field is graded. Can we get estimates from grading companies? Beth will contact the hockey rink vendor to see if he can grade? Are there funds left in the baseball field grant? Maybe \$5000. Dominique will check with the school to see if they still want the small field.

Tennis Courts – The school maintains the courts. Recreation does not use the courts.

BOE-Contest to Name Baseball Field: Dominique Jones to update committee.

Twirling – Wendy Borg to teach class. She previously taught the class through the after care program. If the class proceeds the twirlers would march in the Memorial Day parade. She may need to recuse herself. Would she be able to take a leave?

Spring Basketball – Price increase to \$50. The referees have not had a raise in 7 years!

Middle-High School Activities – We need more programs geared toward this age group. Unfortunately kids of this age group tend to lose interest, the problem is everywhere. A suggestion of open gym night for volleyball/basketball on Friday nights was made. It would need to be supervised and we would need to charge a few dollars to cover costs (Fridays from 7:30 – 9:30pm). Ages 6th through 8th grade. Would Kevin Bobetich be able to run?

T-Ball – Joyce to contact US Sports to get information regarding their T-Ball programs. Beth Veghte will no longer coach.

Beth Veghte to write up resolution for board member who have left. Perhaps have a dinner for member who have left.

Summer Camp – Tim will give us an update on the STEM program. Little Owls would also like to offer a program. There are 2 extra rooms at the school for STEM project storage. Maybe the camp can run 8 weeks this summer instead of 7. Can we offer other sports – perhaps Tennis? Can either the Before and After Care program be revised?

Signs, Cones & Speed Bumps – Discussed the safety issue of the road that runs along the school, especially when the Cross Country team trains and runs along that road. Several ideas were discussed – the crossing needs to be more “visible” with additional markers, signs etc. Also, all sports teams should be made aware of all routes that may pose safety risks when training around the township.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, Beth Veghte motioned the meeting be adjourned, and Ed Sekelsky seconded it. The meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:55 pm.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the 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 February 18, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this day February 19, 2016.

Joyce Martin, Board Secretary