

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION
June 16, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The June meeting of the Cranbury Township Board of Recreation Commission was held in Town Hall on June 16, 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 June 14, 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, Kate Hall, Dominique Jones, Beth Veghte, Danny Rodriquez, Kevin McConnell, Lisa Rue and Kevin Lowery.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Jacobs – Recreation Director
Betty Conover – Senior Center
Diedre Bischel – The Elms Senior Center

MINUTES

The minutes from the April 2016 meeting were approved as a quorum was present.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget/Trust Review: Ken reviewed budget and gave an overview. The numbers are good. There are no plans to make up a shortfall, we will break even at this point. Additional revenue is generated through our permitting process. The budget will be reviewed quarterly.

**Members are encouraged to bring new ideas to the Recreation Committee for programs, etc.

Senior Center: Betty Conover addressed the Board: she stated that grandparents love our Recreation Camp they will send their grandchildren when they come to Cranbury for a visit. She asked why we do not have a flag in Gourgard Gallery? Joyce will check and get a flag to display in the Gallery.

Senior programs should be booked at least 2 months in advance. Free lunch is always offered to the speaker/entertainment for that day. Fall trip is to Hunderdon Hills Playhouse to see Squabbles, cost is \$55 per person. Betty will also ask the seniors to continue to utilize the senior room, especially during the summer months. Beth V. asked if the seniors would be interested in a comedy show. Betty thought it was a good idea. The show would replace a senior trip. Betty didn't think the seniors would want that.

The suggestion of using the Senior Center as a cooling station was also brought up. Check with the TC to see if this is viable. If so, the township would advertise on web-site, Nixel and perhaps a post card mailing.

Deidre Bichel from The Elms attended the Rec. Bd. meeting to discuss programs/ideas for future senior luncheons. She will forward a list of possible program topics (ie., April in Paris, Fresh from the Farm (NJ), Jeopardy, National Parks to name a few). She may also be interested in joining our board at some point in the future.

Youth Basketball: Ed filled in for Wendy. The kids and parents loved it! We should do more programs like this. Kevin McConnell will check with township college-age kids to see if they would be interested in running/coaching a youth basketball league.

Twirling Class: We will continue to offer this class in the Fall.

Volleyball: We would like to set up a program.

Wrestling: Cranbury just brought back program to the middle school. We also need a program for the younger kids. The high school kids could coach the younger children. Perhaps offer a Fall/Early Winter and Summer program one day a week. Danny could be the contact – will investigate putting a program together: 6:00PM class, 3-6 year-olds, 7-10 year-olds, etc. Danny will take a program proposal form to complete and return.

BOE –Contest to Name Regulation Baseball Field – has been moved to next Fall. The contest will be turned over to the Cranbury Education Foundation to administer, however the Rec. Bd. will set the criteria.

Summer Camp and Stem Program: Jr. Camp about even to last year. Sr. Camp numbers are down. Stem program is good for the Jr. Camp. Tim will post on FB twice a week to get the word out on the Summer Rec. program. All board members are encouraged to “talk up” our summer camp. It was suggested that we add the counselor/camper ratio (especially for the younger campers) to the registration forms. Our ratio is low compared to other camps and this is important information for parents of younger campers. There is a concern from parents of the younger campers regarding the Junior Camp trips and that there is sufficient coverage from the counselors. Our low ratio ensures that coverage is more than sufficient. The cost of t-shirts is \$10 for any camper who registers after the deadline. Beth V. will oversee design and the ordering of the t-shirts.

July 4th Fireworks: The Recreation commission has not been involved with this event (historically). Last year we split the food bill with the Business Association. We do not pay for the band. We will again split the food bill this year. Joyce will order extra porta-johns, Ed to assist with coolers, Jerry will leave the van with chairs next to the Gazebo for the band to set up. Beth will order the food.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, Dominique Jones motioned the meeting be adjourned, and Lisa Rue 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 June 16, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this day June 22, 2016.

Joyce Martin, Board Secretary