

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

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Ed Sekelsky, Chairman for the Township Recreation Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:20pm, 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 August 16, 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, Dominique Jones, Beth Veghte, and Lisa Rue.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Jacobs – Recreation Director

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Budget/Trust Review: Ken reviewed the 2015 budget and gave an overview. The numbers are good. He explained the various line items, field rentals, multi-Sports camp, etc. Although some of the numbers are in the negative, this is due to various repairs that needed to be made to the basketball courts, painting of the senior center, etc. If the admin. line were to be pulled from our budget the number would be good. Due to items being mis-applied, certain cost centers may look out of whack, Ken was able to explain each line item that was questioned. The 2016 budget will be discussed at our next meeting.

Senior Center: The suggestion of using the Senior Center as a cooling station was also brought up. Joyce checked with Denise and there are no issues with using the Senior Ctr as a cooling station during business hours only. If seniors need assistance after business hours they should call 911 and the police can offer assistance. This will be publicized for next year. Joyce will also poll the seniors to see if they would be interested in a comedy show which would be open to all seniors and held at Cranbury School. She will inform the commission at the next monthly meeting.

BOE –Contest to Name Regulation Baseball Field – has been moved to this Fall. The contest will be turned over to the Cranbury Education Foundation to administer, however the Rec. Bd. will set the criteria and will select the winner. A suggestion to name the Soccer Fields/Complex after a member of the community was further discussed and it was decided to follow the parameters set forth by the Parks Commission, which states that any sporting area/complex will NOT be named after “people” (Cranbury residents).

Summer Camp and Stem Program: Numbers ended up comparable to last year. Tim Brennan will attend October's meeting to give the final recap of the 2016 season. Discussion on whether to offer a Pre-K summer camp option took place and it was decided that we will offer it next summer. The Stem program was not that well-attended (not enough projects, low enrollment, etc.). We will investigate other options for next year. Rec. committee members really talked up our camp – brought in an extra 15 campers through word-of-mouth alone. The feedback regarding the Cranbury Summer Camp is tremendous with parents from other townships using our camp – the kids really enjoyed it. The topic of cell phone use during camp was also discussed. Campers are not allowed to bring their phones, but most kids do. When Tim is around and sees anyone using their phone he immediately takes action, but if he is with another group the kids will continue to use phones with no one else enforcing policy. Tim should discuss with the counselors to ensure the no-cell phone policy is adhered to next year. Make sure policy is more highlighted in the registration packets next year also.

** The start times for Pre-K courses offered through US Sports was too early for parents who have older children (and need to pick them up from school). Joyce will contact them to see if start times can be moved back.

Status of expanding the Heritage Park Tot-Lot – Ken had sent a letter last year to the Trophy Comm. He did not receive a response. He will resend. The Rec. comm. is asking for funds to pay for the improvements. We may try to put in a “boat” as opposed to just a regular piece of play equipment, but the issue is whether there is enough space to add something slightly bigger. The letter will be sent to Tom Widener, Dave Stout and Jim Golubieski, and will cc: Jay Taylor.

July 4th Celebration: Beth V. to forward band invoice to Joyce for processing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Canoe Boat Races: Originally scheduled for Sept. 11, but will need to be cancelled due to overgrowth of vegetation in Brainerd Lake. A cancellation notice will be posted to our web-site. At an earlier TC meeting it was suggested that the lake should be dredged due to contamination and that perhaps it could be turned into a swimming late.

Family Camp Out: Is scheduled for September 17. Flyers are posted on web-site and available at town hall.

West Property Porta-John: It needs to be moved away from the woods toward drainage ditch at the end of parking lot (move 10 ft closer to the fields, away from the woods).

Cranbury Day: Currently 8 bands, Mummers, inflatable bounce house, food vendors are scheduled for the day. Joyce will order extra Porta-johns and work with Jerry on last minute logistics.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, Beth Vegthe 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 August 18, 2016.

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

Joyce Martin, Board Secretary