

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

Front Conference Room 711 Broad Street, Florence, NJ 08518
Meeting Time and Date: 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2023

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Tony Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sunshine Law statement was read and ordered that the minutes reflect that adequate notice was provided to the public at least 48-hours in advance of the meeting by prominently posting a notice on the public bulletin board of the municipal building and by publication in the Burlington County Times (Rec Committee Meetings listed January 2022)

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	REMARKS
Frank Baldorossi		X	
Kim Dembowski	X		
Dennise Yurcho		X	
TJ Lovenduski	X		
Thomas Supey		X	
Anthony Pastore	X		
Mary Pieretti		X	
Caitlin Motta	X		
Donna Sadler	X		
Nancy Hoch		X	
Don Nemeth	X		
Tom Boracci		X	
Martin Eckert Jr.	X		

Quorum Present (7 Voting Members) Yes X No _____

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

The minutes associated with the October 3, 2022 meeting were approved (Sadler/Dembowski)

3. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

Fall Recreation Programs: Marty shared that each of the fall recreation programs completed their seasons and are preparing end of season expense reports to submit to the township for reimbursements against their set annual budgets. Overall numbers for football/cheer were the highest they have been in the past 10 years. Field Hockey and the new board had an excellent second year and really did a great job dividing responsibilities and creating a very nice season. Marty had the least amount of contact with rec soccer and the total numbers did struggle a bit but hopefully it will rebound post-covid in 2023.

Fall Softball : Fall softball tournaments & workouts went very well. Facilities and field maintenance continued between public works staff and volunteers and provided a very nice fall extension for players. Don Nemeth remarked that on one weekend all of the fall programs had activity, as well as softball and outdoor basketball courts. It was a very nice atmosphere and great to see the complex in full use.

Recreation Basketball: Marty shared that rec basketball clinics have been ongoing and coaches are beginning to volunteer. Numbers are challenged by a few variables, some post-covid, others are other activity options. The struggle is acquiring coaches as well and working with multiple people that have not participated before. Marty is managing clinics currently as volunteers get acclimated and will be working with Burlington Twp to set up interleague play. More information to follow in January.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None at time of meeting.

5. FACILITIES

Municipal Facilities & Buildings:

End of Season Reimbursements: Marty has reached out to all recreation programs encouraging leagues to begin prep of all season expenditures to be submitted as soon as possible. Donna Sadler inquired as to the status of the softball reimbursement and Marty will check with the finance dept.

Field House Renovations: Marty and members of administration have been coordinating with an architect and other parties managing plans for the proposed renovation. There has been discussion in-house to explore financing for various projects and this building and concept are one that has been discussed. Marty shared that he is not familiar with the process so once firm information is available and appropriate to share he will update the committee.

Park Planner: Marty also has participated in meetings with administration regarding assessment findings from the planner, primarily regarding the municipal complex grounds. Off site location are also under review and a concise report will be prepared and shared with the township outlining findings. There was also a survey that has now closed, which allowed the public to provide feedback regarding both existing amenities and areas of interest. These results are being mapped out and will help to provide community feedback to aide in establishing a vision for future planning.

The committee has expressed that having the opportunity to meet with the planner is of importance. Members inquired if they should visit council to pose questions, but Marty shared that he will take feedback to the administrator and look to when we can have input and an option to meet the planner. Members provided that they have asked Councilman Baldorossi to report to council and ask questions as to the status and the committee's inquiries but due to work obligations Frank Baldorossi has not been present at rec committee meetings and possibly was absent from council due to evening work. Marty will follow up.

Board of Education Facilities: All rec basketball facilities request have been approved. Marty is awaiting approval from BOE regarding Sunday clinics for softball. Marty is also awaiting the arrival of the 2023 Liability insurance certificate that is provided yearly to the school district for recreation. This opens 2023 facility requests to be completed. He should have the certificate in the coming days.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Field Hockey Restroom: Has been completed and is operational for the program to use.

Municipal Alliance: Nothing to report at this time.

Eagle Scout Projects: Marty is working with Nate Pagano to shift the direction of his project due to costs and winter prohibiting a basketball court remediation at the FAAD building. Tommy Supey continues to work with the church remediating the hall. Marty has not been on site of late but heard that the project has been moving along very well.

Comedy Nights: Tony shared that he will follow up with the company for potential dates in the New Year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Events & Activities: Marty shared information regarding end of season banquets, breakfast with Santa and tree lighting events with the committee.

Proposed 2023 Fall Festival Sponsored by the Recreation Committee: The committee discussed the potential of hosting a fall festival next year and will be set up as a sub-committee led by Donna Sadler & Caitlin Motta. Marty is going to look into some options and report back some feedback in the New Year as well. The committee is starting a wish list of potential activities to offer and groups that will be asked to participate. Tentative dates considered 10/7 or 10/14 from 10am to 4pm.

8. REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Tony Pastore – Shared that gentle exercise will be canceled this week.

Members of Public: No members of public present

9. ADJOURNMENT. Request for motion to adjourn was made, (Lovenduski/Motta). The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm