

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

711 Broad Street, Florence, NJ 08518

Meeting Time and Date: 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021
(Virtual Meeting Via WebEx – Access thru Florence-nj.gov)

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 7, 2020

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 Meeting listed Sunday, January 2020)

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	REMARKS
David Woolston	X		
Kim Dembowski	X		
Cathy MacArthur		X	
TJ Lovenduski	X		
Thomas Supey	X		
Anthony Pastore	X		
Mary Pieretti	X		
Caitlin Motta		X	
Donna Sadler	X		
Valerie Smith	X		
Don Nemeth	X		
Tom Boracci	X		
Martin Eckert Jr.	X		

Quorum Present (7 Voting Members) Yes X No

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

The minutes associated with the August 3, 2020 meeting were approved (Nemeth/Pastore)

4. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

Fall Sports Registrations: Marty shared that he is going to begin discussions with the various spring recreation leagues regarding opening registrations. Conversations will relate to registration, guidelines for safe opening and conducting practices, review of any language provided by Cal Ripken or Little League charters, concession stands, etc.

Indoor Batting Cage: Currently batting cage is not available for use by programs. Recreation will be checking the lighting in the building and will look to replace the back door so it is functional and serves as a safe means to exit in the event of an emergency. Leagues will be notified once building is open for use and guidelines for programs to follow.

Field Hockey Parking Lot Expansion/Restroom-Storage Building: The township recently provided an extension to the parking lot located near the public works building where it now wraps to the side area of the building and will provide additional parking in the area of the field hockey fields. Additionally, thru a park grant the township will be placing a structure serving as storage and restroom facility for the program. Township departments ran water/sewer and electric to the area and will handle preparation of the ground in advance of the arrival of the building. Marty will update the committee as to the anticipated date of arrival but it is projected to be early spring.

Field Signage: Marty shared that he ordered all new signage for the fence line areas of the fields. Coaching Badge, No Pets on Field, etc. All signs are the same and will be placed on each field in town this spring.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. FACILITIES

Municipal Facilities & Buildings: Prior to the start of spring recreation activity all concession stands and buildings will be cleaned and stocked with cleaning supplies. Though the start of spring seasons have yet to be determined the buildings will be set with guidelines and programs will communicate with the recreation department as to any plans prior to opening.

AEDS are set to be placed in concessions stands once they have been checked over by our fire department and confirmed that batteries and pads are all up to date. Once there is an appropriate time to schedule AED/First Aid training we will open that to leagues to attend. This would not be mandatory for all coaches but we do encourage coaches to take part in the training.

Scout House – Potts Mill Road. The building hvac system is set to have attic area insulated and gutters have been cleaned. We are going to begin working with both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups to schedule light activity on the property and when appropriate improvements to the inside will begin to take place. After the New Year Marty will meet with both groups to outline plans.

Board of Education Facilities: Marty will continue to communicate with BOE as to any opportunities to utilize facilities, however in support of the school districts need to maintain a safe environment we will not be requesting use for indoor clinics for recreation baseball/softball in 2021.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Health & Wellness Programs: No new information at this time. Programs remain on hiatus.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting was shortened due to conflict with access to Webex by multiple users. Rec committee concluded so that Zoning Board may begin on time. New business will be discussed during January 11, 2021 meeting.

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Tom Boracci inquired on a few items relating to the soccer program. Marty is going to reach out to soccer to discuss plans for 2021 and answer any questions.

Don Nemeth shared that recreation football and cheer should do an inventory of needs and consider ordering pinnies for flag football, update sled and hitting pads. Also prior to the start of the 2021 fall season the goal posts that were fabricated in years past should be placed on the practice field.

Members of Public:

No members of public present virtually.

10. ADJOURNMENT. Request for motion to adjourn was made, (Nemeth; 2nd by Pieretti).
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.