



## **Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2017**

In attendance: Andrew Zaborney, Rich O'Brien, Diane Spiegelhoff, John Berner, Jim Curnal, Chris Hill, Trish Lennan, Steve Zmijewski

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM.

Minutes from the December meeting: Andrew Zaborney asked to waive the reading of the December minutes. Chris Hill made a motion to accept the minutes, John Berner seconded, all were in favor.

### **COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

- Santa Ride
  - The weather caused the ride to be delayed
    - Fire Department made the decision, sent out the Nixle
    - Rec Department posted it on the webpage and on Facebook
      - All was done by 9:20
  - The ice made for sloppy and somewhat dangerous conditions
    - People did not come out of their driveways to the fire hydrant because of it
  - Pictures were posted, also made into a slideshow
  - Kids liked the toys
  - Two donations were made to the fire department for the ride

### **STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS:**

- Volleyball
  - Had to have a last-minute cancellation on Wednesday, January 11
    - Basketball was pushed into the middle school gym for a wrestling match in the high school gym
    - Cancelled for the next week as well
      - Janitors notified of cancellation
  - In the future, can send an email blast through the registration system to notify the players

- There is no guaranteed notification time for cancellations
- Floor Hockey
  - 5 weeks left
    - There is a two-week break and then a few more weeks in March
  - Chris Hill looking to pass off Floor Hockey
    - 2 contenders to run youth program
    - 2 parents running senior program already
      - Parents are not a part of the board, but have expressed an interest in being a part of it
- Youth Basketball
  - Program ended due to no available space in the gym
    - Kids wanted to continue playing
    - Liked the format because it isn't as structured, it's more fun
      - New captains are chosen every week, and the captains decide the teams
      - Also get 20 minutes at the beginning just for fun
  - Need more coaches next year
    - John Berner forced to coach when he should be supervising only
    - Parents attend, but do not volunteer to coach
    - Coaches need to be 18 or older and certified
    - NHS or other high school members always looking for community service hours, could help out signing kids in or handing out pinnies
- Indoor Soccer
  - Started Friday, January 14
    - 3 teams of 5 players each
    - Have gym for 2 hours, but will only play for 45 minutes due to the low amount of kids signed up
  - Saturday, January 15
    - 97 kids (104 people including coaches)
      - Teams formed, shirts picked up
    - 4 referees – 1 returner, 3 new
    - Teams are balanced out by ages
- Rutgers Coach Certification Class
  - Will be held on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the high school from 9 to 12
  - Messaging about it will start the last week in January
    - Email blast to be sent out first, then it will be posted on Facebook
  - 20 people maximum in the class
  - The sixth edition will be coming out soon, but the fifth edition will still be good for the March class
    - Clinicians will need to get recertified, but the coaches do not have to

- Another board member should get certified with Rich

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

- Flag Football
  - Registration started
    - 23 kids and 3 coaches signed up so far
  - New equipment came in before the end of 2016
  - Will be held on Sunday mornings from March 19<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Will be held from 9 AM to 12 PM
  - Need to get the fields situated
    - JV and Freshman soccer fields used
      - Can use inland or side of Memorial if more space is needed
    - Grass needs to be cut every 2 weeks– can take money out of budget to pay the grass cutters
    - Can go to a Board Meeting if it doesn't happen to figure it out
  - Last year- senior league very successful
    - Want to start a High School league
  - People always want to play for longer and extend the weeks
- T-Ball
  - Registration opens January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Facility request put in
  - Will run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>
    - 11 weeks with Easter and Memorial Day with one rainout week
  - No large equipment is needed, it was bought last year

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Budget Update
  - No update so far
    - Asked for \$56,000 total, and for updates to Michael Road park, Dora Avenue park, and the tennis courts on Summerhill road
    - Town will spend on Dora Avenue park when they acquire the land from the SVM
- Holiday Dinner
  - Will be held at Taverna on February 12 at around 5 or 5:30
    - Will have a buffet for 2 for \$30
    - Around 20 people
- Sound equipment
  - Will cost \$1,200
    - Do not have an account with Best Buy
      - Diane to try to figure out how to get one

- Communications Updates
  - Sunday January 15 – message will go out about Knights of Columbus free throw
  - T-Ball will be messaged at the end of the month
  - Monday, February 6 – message about Flag Football will go out
  - Middle of week of February 6 – Rutgers class message will go out
  - Need to standardize communications
    - Some use email list, others use the registration system
    - Will be good for the Rec Department and will make everything easier for the people
    - Will reduce questions
      - Maybe make separate email accounts for each event
        - Example: [youthbasketball@spotswoodboro.us](mailto:youthbasketball@spotswoodboro.us)
    - Texting to children directly may be considered a liability for the Rec Department

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- By-Laws Updating
  - Dan Auciello to set the next meeting
  - Floor Hockey Question – can parents who aren't part of the board run the program?
    - They don't have to be, may want to join the board anyway
    - Maybe make new alternate spots on the board for them, that way they won't have to come to every meeting to make quorum but will still be involved
    - May want to make a policy saying that retired board members are life members and can always help
- Procedures Updating
  - Will be discussed at the By-Laws meeting
- S'Woodstock 2017 – Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
  - The date was confirmed
  - There is no rain date

Rich O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Jim Curnal seconded, and all were in favor.