

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Notes of May 15, 2012

In attendance: Verita Hill, Kevin McMillan, Bridget James, Niarra Harvey, Matt Olds, Maureen Ruotolo, Laria Hamilton, and Dawn Thompson.

1. Call to Order – Dawn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
 2. Review of March Recreation Committee Meeting Notes
 3. Report from Recreation Director—Dawn shared recreation information concerning:
 - Dawn distributed flyers & reviewed the **lineup of summer activities and events**, including—a 6-week, full day Summer Rec Camp, Mad Science Camp, Art Camp, Pony Grooming, Sailing, Multi-Sports & Squirts Camp, Basketball Camp, and Tennis Camp. Touch a Truck will be at NMS this year, and the Movies in the Park will be at Midtown Commons Park. The Alliance will also offer its July half Recreation / half asset building program in the evening.
 - **Spring recreation programs** have mostly wrapped up—Volleyball, Line Dancing, Open Gym Basketball, Yoga, BINGO & Family Activity Nights. Zumba will continue thru the summer.
 - The **Move & Improve Neptune** group is meeting regularly, and gathering data on policies and practices. Upcoming deadlines include a draft of the plan by June 15. The two target areas are Schools and the Community at Large. The group has been conducting on-line surveys, in-person interviews, windshield tours, walking tours, and meeting with homeowners groups. The main goals of the group are to increase access to physical activity, increase healthier food options, and increase the number of smoke-free places.
 - **Contracts / Field Use Agreements** are in the works for LL, Football, and Soccer. We hope to wrap those up in early June.
 4. Upcoming / Current Events / News
 - Thank you all who volunteered at the Easter **Egg Hunt**. The plan for next year is to schedule the rain date for the event the day after the original date so only one weekend is in question.
 - Dawn shared that **Outdoor Track** started on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6-7:30pm.
 - Verita shared that the **Neptune Rugby Football Jamboree** went smoothly, although not a huge crowd. A free youth clinic was held, followed by high school and men's games. The rugby group playing at the fields has been a good partner for Neptune AYF. There should be 7 teams this year as Neptune is adding a Midget unlimited team. Neptune is starting a Challenger Cheer Squad for youth with disabilities. There will be a Cheer Clinic and Fish Fry on June 23. May 24 is a fundraiser McMania night at the McDonald's on Rte 33. Dawn shared that a recent request from Asbury Park for field use had been denied as they are looking to use the field at a time when Neptune football is using it.
 - Kevin shared that **Biddy Basketball** will be offering a one-week Biddy Summer Camp in August through Recreation—teaching fundamental skills of the game.
 - Maureen shared that **Recreation Soccer** has Travel Try-outs tonight and tomorrow night. The large **soccer tournament** is scheduled for June 23 & 24.
 - Dawn shared that the new **AED Good Samaritan Law** was signed into effect May 4th—allowing the untrained public and any league volunteer to use the AED and immunity would be provided.
 - **Veteran's Memorial Park**—Maureen, who is on the committee, shared that the fundraiser is May 20th—advance tix are \$20. Mark your calendars for Sept 28—as the park is the beneficiary of the Mayor's Ball proceeds. Brick pavers are on sale for the park walkway. More fundraisers coming.
 - **Matt Olds** was welcomed as he introduced himself and shared that as he has two young children, he wants to get more involved in the community.
 4. 5. Old / New Business—
 - **Neptune Riverfest**—is slated for September 29th
 6. Questions / comments were fielded from around the table.
 7. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.
- Next Meeting: 6pm Tuesday, June 19 in the Upstairs Library.**
Tentative 2012 Meeting Dates: 6pm on June 19, July 17, September 18, November 20.