

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Notes of August 19, 2010

In attendance: Robert Lane, Myan Nichols-Morgan, Kevin McMillan, Michelle Moss, Bridget James, Niarra Harvey, and Dawn Thompson.

1. Call to Order – Dawn called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Review of May Recreation Committee Meeting Notes
3. Report from Recreation Director—Dawn shared recreation information concerning:
 - **School facility request forms** have been submitted to the Board of Education for fall programs—including Biddy Basketball, Track, Volleyball, Open Gym Basketball, Yoga, Line Dancing, Exercise to Music, Soccer, Halloween, Family BINGO Nights.
 - Dawn shared that Neptune Recreation will be participating the ECC's **Back to School Day** next Thursday.
 - **Summer Rec**---an update was given surrounding the self-sustaining fees for Summer Rec and the low registration numbers and subsequent cancellation of the program. We held a two-hour program daily to help children socialize & get involved in some fun, physical activities. We visited other camps this summer & will need to re-work our Summer Camp program for 2011. In planning for next year, we polled parents, discussed corporate sponsorships, offering two half days combined with one full day, and half day options, and some other ideas. As the bulk of the cost of camp is the counselor wages, it will be difficult to cut the cost of a full-day program much.
 - The **Sailing Program** went well, with our 8 Neptune Sailors placing 3rd in the Mayor's Trophy Regatta. We have a sailing wait list to take us through several years.
 - Week-long camps--**Art Camp**—the two weeks were combined to one session of 12 participants; participants enjoyed origami, sculpting, watercolor, self-portraits, mobiles, etc. **Pony Camp**—about 17 youngsters groomed and rode in the two sessions. **Mad Science Camp** took 9 mad scientists through a week of flight and rocketry. New this year, 15 participants enjoyed our **Tennis Camp**. The **Alliance Summer Program** was filled to capacity at 75, and went without a hitch. **Multi Sports** camp is next week.
 - Special Events—**Touch a Truck** went well, although attendance was light, most likely due to the rain date rescheduling. July's **Movie in the Park** attracted only about 30 people; Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs is scheduled for August 24.
4. Upcoming / Current Events—
 - **Neptune Day**—Thanks to Bridget, Niarra, Kevin, Michelle, and Myan, who volunteered to help host our Recreation / Alliance table at the event from 12noon-5pm on Saturday, September 11. Neptune Day is to be self-funding this year, which led to increases in fees for vendors. Jersey Shore University Medical Center has not confirmed their sponsorship of the day's activities to date, although we have been reaching out frequently; Dawn also e-mailed the Township Committee to see if they could reach out to any JSUMC contacts to help secure the sponsorship. Fireworks in conjunction with Neptune Day have been cancelled, as we did not secure the \$4,000 - \$10,000 cost. Sponsors who have already made donations have been contacted about switching their monetary support to Neptune Day activities.
 - **Halloween Event**—Friday, October 29, 5-7:30pm, DJ Music & musical games, and a Halloween Movie.
 - **Indoor Track**—Myan reported that the program concluded at the end of July with 12 of the 48 participants competing at a meet in Norfolk, Virginia, and most making it to the second level. The program-end picnic at Shark River Park on July 17 was well received.
 - **Pop Warner**—Verita sent word that they are scrimmaging tonight & that registrations went well, with approximately 200 participants in football & cheering.
 - **Soccer**—Robert reported that the Neptune Soccer Tournament in June went well, and that fall soccer registrations are currently being conducted online.
 - **Biddy Basketball**—Kevin & Michelle reported that forms are ready for September registrations. They have been examining costs for second referees and uniforms. Kevin also shared information about upgrades made to the basketball court area at Liberty Park.

- Bridget shared that there were some switches of school principals and that construction continues in front of Gables School.
- Kevin shared that we may want to look into joint programming with the YMCA. To reach out, he gave Dawn the name Joanne Roundtree.

5. Old / New Business—we discussed the **Richard Bormann Volunteer Service Award**, and since no new nominations were submitted, those in attendance voted to use the information submitted for the County award, and locally recognize Verita & Doug Hill for their service to Neptune Pop Warner. Dawn will order a plaque for presentation on Neptune Day, update the Township Committee, and invite the Hills to take part in the start of the Neptune Day festivities.

6. Questions / comments were fielded from around the table. Myan is seeking information about a sports photographer to photograph the Track participants; Dawn will e-mail the other groups in hopes that they can share information.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. **Next Meeting Date: originally scheduled for September 23rd at the Neptune Township Library—now needs to be changed.**