

**Public Meeting**

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Call to Order

The New Milford Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:33 pm by Maura Henyecz in Joseph Ricciardelli's absence.

Maura Henyecz read the NJ Open Public Meetings Act to all assembled.

**Roll Call**

|   | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
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| Joe Albanese                                  | √              |               |
| Jose Correa                                   | √              |               |
| Jay Levine, 1 <sup>nd</sup>                   |                | √             |
| Maura Henyecz,<br>Vice Chairman               | √              |               |
| John O'Grady                                  |                | √             |
| Joe Ricciardelli,<br>Chairman                 |                | √             |
| sKevin Youngs                                 |                | √             |
| Peter<br>Goldschmidt                          | √ - 7:36 pm    |               |
| Mark Flores 2nd                               | √              |               |
| Diego Robalino,<br>Mayor & Council<br>Liaison | √              |               |
| John Bigger,<br>Director                      | √              |               |

**1. Approval of the Minutes from March 16, 2016**

- Motion to accept March 16, 2016, minutes by Joe Albanese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Flores.

**2. Director's Report**

- Allotted extra money Thursday – moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to give us more money so that everything can be paid. Officials will be approved to be paid as well.
- We are getting part of the open space grant, getting new meshing for fences. Netting on Williams field will be redone. Some meshing on LaBarbera field will also be replaced.

**3. Coordinator/Liaison Report**

- Soccer - Indoor soccer ended – 3 teams went to championships, travel soccer is doing well, both teams won this weekend. Saturday – Best 11 Soccer (free training session) coming (9:30-10:30 @ library) to work with 8 girls and 8 boys from travel to see if we would like them to train kids. Spring soccer will start Saturday, then every Sunday thereafter for games. Will end the week before Memorial Day. Will

have to use travel field due to high numbers 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids. Will play 11 on 11. Will work out schedule to use travel field. 14 teams total. Kindergarten, 4 teams, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 teams, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 4 teams.

- Summer sports camps – Posted on website. Maura will make up a master flyer to send out in May to give to Gibbs, Berkley, post in school, etc.
- Summer Rec – up on website
- Travel fall soccer tryouts will be the end of May – Fall soccer tryouts will be end of June.
- Softball – opening day is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor practices have started. Tomorrow is coaches meeting. Last week was UGals tryouts. Will be discussed more in detail this weekend.
- Special Events – egg hunt (had approx. 300 kids) – largest we have ever had. 2100 eggs. Suggestion: 4 years old and under will be in one area, 5-8 will be in another area, 9-11 will be separate. Amount of parents on field is a concern.

#### 4. Mayor & Council Report

- Tommy Thompson requests field use. Paperwork will be brought to meeting on 20<sup>th</sup>. Nothing else to report.

#### 5. Open to the public

- Motion to open to public – Joe Albanese 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Goldschmidt
- Public – George Adelong, 723 Berkley St. – Here to discuss multiuse complex outside. Groups in town are not in favor of project. Plan is to go to groups to find out who is for the project and get some kind of documentation if for the field. Question is: Is the New Milford Rec Commission in favor of upgrading to a multi-use complex?
- John Heinemann - 440 E Park Dr. – asking if Rec would consider discussing whether they are for or against multi-use complex
- **Next meeting – multi-use complex will be added to the minutes to be discussed. Is there someone who can come in and give a presentation on complex?**
- Rec was basically excluded – no input from recreation commission was ever presented.
- Motion to close to public – Jose Correa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Goldschmidt

#### 6. Policies and Procedures

- Nothing to report

#### 7. Old Business

Safety Training – 4/14 – will have to be at Senior Center – only for softball and spring soccer. Will know tomorrow

## 8. New Business

- Why couldn't we invest in a single call system? Can increase level of participation for signups, events, etc. – expensive \$\$\$. Not feasible for Rec – too large of a group. Will be researched.
- May need assistant director to do IT work. Job description can be written up.

Next meeting will be April 20, 2016.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm by Jose Correa 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Flores

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Norton