

HARRISON TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER
114 BRIDGETON PIKE
MULLICA HILL, NJ 08062

Minutes from December 29, 2005
Harrison Township Recreation Commission

Call to order 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned 10:00 p.m.

Members Present: Vince Gangemi, Sr., Peggy Read, Jack McElwee, Gretchen Gravinese, Evie Lengetti, Don Lynch, Julie Delaurentis, Mayor Phil Rhudy and Committeeman elect Dennis Clowny

- Vince Gangemi, Sr. called the meeting to order and lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Vince Gangemi, Sr. confirmed that the Open Public Meetings Act had been satisfied.
- Vince Gangemi, Sr. then called Privilege of the floor to allow the residents present to speak.

Chris and Joanne Brierly of 317 Snowgoose Lane, Willowbrook spoke to address the lighting issue. The Brierlys feel that the low lighting proposal will lower property values and increase crime in the area.

Mayor Rhudy stated that this meeting was not to discuss lighting but to discuss the plans for Ella Harris, Walters Road and Pleasant Valley parks/fields so that so that the commission would have information to pass onto the residents.

Mayor Rhudy stated that committee would make decisions and residents would be notified when a decision was made.

Vince Gangemi, Sr. stated that nothing will be put through without holding a Recreation Commission meeting allowing residents to speak on the subject upon approval of the Township Committee. A decision will be made in the next few weeks/months.

Kevin Malloy of 607 Widgeon Court stated that the reason he was concerned was process and that residents should have been given notice at the beginning of the process. Would like notice to be given at present time. Mr. Malloy also stated that he does not want lighting in any park/field with in the township.

Frank Lengetti stated that the reason the lighting was brought in front of the Recreation Commission was to discuss what needs to be done to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Lengetti presented the commission with a letter responding to a letter from Mr. Malloy.

Maps of the proposed areas were shown to all and discussed. Jack McElwee and Mayor Rhudy explained what the maps showed and what the commission was proposing for the properties. All sports groups will be asked to provide to the Recreation Commission by January 17, 2006 a 1,3 and 5-year projection of enrollment, practice field and game field use so the Commission will have a better idea of what is needed. Evie Lengetti stated that the commission needs to have a clear, laid out plan that can be taken to the Committee and show exactly what is needed and why. Peggy Read will have information on how the proposed lighting and parks/field will affect the surrounding properties.

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- The Roller Skating party scheduled for January 12, 2006. Tickets will be sold to students at lunch on January 9, 2006 and January 10, 2006. It was decided that Peggy Read would sell tickets at Harrison Twp School and Don Lynch would sell tickets at the Pleasant Valley School. 1700 tickets total needed. Door prizes are needed.
- The Valentines Dance scheduled for February 11, 2006. Vince will pick up the helium tank. Tickets and flyers have been printed. Each member of commission is to take 10 tickets to sell. DJ and Massos have been confirmed. There will be 3 door prizes, one to be donated by Peggy Read. There are small tote bags that were to be used for Chinese Auction. Whether to use the tote bags or to go out and get baskets for the Chinese Auction needs to be decided. Dawn is to check number of bags and see what donations have been received. The time to arrive to decorate will be decided at January's Recreation meeting. Vince will put up posters around town.
- The use of the PVS fields for Lacrosse was discussed. Lacrosse will use their \$300.00 for new nets. Lacrosse wants to put up temporary lighting up at PVS. They need to notify the Recreation Commission to put up the temporary lighting stating where the lights are going and the dates they are to be used. They also need to send a notification to Mike Mcklasavage with the same information and that no gasoline will be stored on the fields.
- The Cub Scouts are interested in putting in a nature trail. The possibilities discussed were along the electric lines and/or along the perimeter of the Grasso property. Making a path around Pleasant Valley was discussed. The township needs to access how much up keep will be involved. Permission from the electric company and developers that own the land is needed.
- A motion was made to nominate a Jack McElwee to the Land Preservation committee as the Recreation Commission representative and seconded. All were in favor. Don Lynch will be the alternate.
- There will be a Youth Sports Code of Conduct class scheduled tentatively in February. Vince will contact Mr. Selb. It is recommended that all coaches should attend class. Recreation will send out letter with date and cost to all sports group heads.
- Open Commission seats were discussed. Resumes will be looked over and recommendations made. Julie Delaurentis gave the commission her resignation. She will stay on until the open seats are filled. Three seats will now need to be filled.
- Bus trip went well. The commission decided not to schedule bus trip on the same date as the Christmas Tree lighting.
- Motion made by Jack McElwee to adjourn. Motion seconded by Gretchen Gravinese.

