

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
April 2, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Recreation Commission (RC) was held at 7:30 pm at the Stillwater Municipal Building, Stillwater, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairperson Tina Sugar with the statement read that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Statement. The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Sugar, Mrs. Fritsch, Mr. DeLade (arrived at 7:32), Mr. Nothstine, Ms. Gulette

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Fritsch

Also present, Committeeman Fisher

**MINUTES:** Mr. Nothstine made a **motion** to approve the March 5, 2012 minutes, Mrs. Fritsch seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mr. DeLade, yes, Mr. Nothstine, yes, Ms. Gulette, yes

**BILLS:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Commission received an email stating concerns about the porta-potties at Veterans Field and the number of ticks present this year. Mrs. Fritsch stated she will check the potty to see that it is being maintained. Mrs. Leonard will check with Lynda Knott to see if Mr. John's has or can get a key to the field. Mrs. Sugar asked if there can be any kind of spraying for the ticks. Mr. Fisher stated this has never been done before. It was a very mild winter and to expect the number of insects to be higher this year.

**Open Public Session:** Mrs. Sugar made a **motion** to open the meeting to the public at 7:38, Ms. Gulette seconded.

Erica Sloop from The Stadium presented the Commission with a field use form.

There being no further business, Mrs. Sugar made a motion to close OPS at 7:39 pm, Ms. Gulette seconded.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget:** Dana Mooney, CFO, is still working on figuring out how much money the Commission has in the Rec. Commission Trust. The Commission has received a bill from Kittatinny Travel Baseball for the clay they purchased for the field at Veterans. It will be presented to the CFO for review. Mr. Nothstine thanked Kittatinny Travel Baseball for the great job they did on the baseball field at Veterans Park. Mrs. Sugar also stated how great it looks.

**Clean-Up Day:** Clean-Up Day will be held on April 28. Mrs. Leonard stated that the paperwork for the day is nearing completion, and she and Mr. Fisher would be discussing road assignments after the meeting. Mr. DeLade stated that Brian Hendershot from DPW was getting the trash bags and gloves. Mr. DeLade also stated he would be getting some cloth gloves. Mrs. Sugar asked what the disbursement amount was going to be, and Mrs. Leonard stated it was \$200.00.

**Stillwater Day:** Fredon, Hampton and Newton all have their days scheduled for June 9. Ms. Gulette thought the day should be changed. Mr. DeLade agreed. It was suggested that Stillwater Day be changed to the following week, June 16.

Mr. DeLade made a **motion** to move Stillwater Day to June 16, Mr. Nothstine seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mr. DeLade, yes, Mr. Nothstine, yes, Ms. Gulette, yes  
The question of where to hold Stillwater Day is still undecided. Should it be held at Veterans Park? Ms. Gulette stated there is no electricity there and everyone would need to bring generators. Ms. Sugar stated there could be a beer tent at Veterans and the firehouse would run it and supply pepper and sausage. Ms. Gulette found a band that is willing to play called the Exit Row Band. Mrs. Fritsch asked if they were available. Ms. Gulette stated they were for the original date but she would have to check with them about the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Sugar suggested calling the

YMCA camp to see if it could be held there and if so, could there be a beer tent and what their insurance would cover. Ms. Gullette said she would check. Mrs. Leonard has been contacted by the NJ State Fair wanting to know if Stillwater is going to be holding a talent show. The Commission felt more time would be needed to plan a talent show. Mrs. Leonard will contact this person to see if she could wait until after the next meeting to find out if there will be a talent show. If Stillwater Day was held at Veterans and there was a talent show, there would definitely need to be generators. Mr. Nothstine and Mr. DeLade discussed how generators could be set up at the Park. The noise level from the generators was discussed and how they would need to be placed far away from the stage if there were to be a talent show.

The meeting was open to the public at 7:55 to ask Ms. Chammings what she remembers about the talent show. Ms. Chammings stated the talent show had been run by the teachers at Stillwater School with the help of the Rec. Commission. Mr. DeLade stated it had been Pat Nugent, Carol Fredricks and Sue Snover that had run the talent show. Ms. Chammings also stated that June 16 is a very busy weekend for the YMCA camp.

The meeting was then closed to the public at 7:57.

No final decisions were made about the location of Stillwater Day or whether to hold a talent show.

**Donated Property:** Discussion of the donated property was tabled until Mr. Fritsch returns.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Field Use Forms:** The Commission received two field use forms: Stillwater Recreational Softball and The Stadium Bar and Grill.

**Stillwater Recreational Softball** is requesting use of Veterans Field from March 15, 2012 to June 20, 2012, Monday through Friday 3:00 pm to dusk and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The insurance is up to date. This request has already been approved by an informal email vote and is now being presented for formal approval.

**Mrs. Sugar** made a **motion** to approve the request pending schedule, **Mr. DeLade** seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mr. DeLade, yes, Mr. Nothstine, yes, Ms. Gullette, yes

**The Stadium Bar and Grill** is requesting use of Stillwater Park or Veterans Field from April 24 through the first week in August on Tuesday and Wednesday nights for adult co-ed softball. They are willing to work around all youth program schedules.

The meeting was open to the public at 8:04 pm to discuss possible conflicting schedules.

**Eric Powell** from SFLI stated they use Veterans Field and Stillwater Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 pm to dusk and Veterans Field on Saturdays until 1:00 pm. They usually have games on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The game schedule is expected in about 10 days. Once games start practices are greatly reduced.

**David Vough** stated Kittatinny Travel Baseball uses Veterans Field on Tuesdays, Saturday mornings and all day Sunday.

Mrs. Fritsch asked when the SFLI season ends. Mr. Powell stated June 16. They then have about a week off and All Stars starts for the younger players on June 21 followed by juniors for the older players which goes into July. He stated he can tell the district that during post-season, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are black-out days and Stillwater Park can't be used.

The meeting was then closed to the public at 8:13 pm.

**Mrs. Sugar** made a **motion** to approve the use of Stillwater Park on Tuesdays until the Commission receives the game schedule from SFLI, **Ms. Gullette** seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mr. DeLade, yes, Mr. Nothstine, yes, Ms. Gullette, yes  
Following discussion of the field use form, Andrew, the owner of the Stadium, stated he would donate a DJ to Stillwater Day. There would be a dance floor, microphone, and he would donate a generator also. Mrs. Sugar thanked him for his very generous offer. Ms. Gullette will speak to him about it after the meeting.

**Parks/Maintenance:** Mrs. Sugar brought up the fact that there are no garbage cans down on the fields at Veterans. She stated she thinks there should be can available. Mrs. Fritsch stated that no purchasing decisions can be made before the Commission has their budget. Mr. Nothstine stated the organizations need to clean up after themselves and are responsible for keeping the park clean. The two baseball organizations present stated their members know it is a carry in/carry out facility. It was decided that an email should be sent to all the sports organizations reminding everyone that Veterans Park is carry in/carry out.

Mrs. Sugar stated that she believes the fields need to be seeded again this year. KMFL made a donation to seeding last year and she feels lacrosse should be asked to make a donation this year. Mrs. Fritsch stated she would ask KMFL if they would be willing to help again with a contribution to the seeding. Mrs. Sugar stated she believes another organization should step up. Mr. Nothstine asked which fields Mrs. Sugar was discussing. She stated the football/lacrosse field. Ms. Chammings stated the lacrosse organization generally takes care of it themselves after their season is over. Mrs. Sugar asked that an email be sent to lacrosse asking if they would be seeding.

Mrs. Sugar stated she thinks there should be first aid kits available at the area fields. It was stated by some in attendance that the sports organizations all have their own first aid kits. Mrs. Sugar stated the Stillwater Rescue Squad had donated ten ice packs for the locker at the field. Eric Powell from SFLL stated that they are moving away from the chemical ice packs. Mrs. Fritsch stated she believes the organizations are responsible for having their own first aid supplies. Mr. DeLade stated that if the locker is locked the organizations wouldn't be able to access a first aid kit anyway.

Mrs. Sugar brought the water sample from the concession stand to Garden Stated Labs on March 23. The Commission is still awaiting the results. Mrs. Sugar was told it would be a good idea for all the members of the Commission to have a key to the concession stand. She got keys donated by Lock & Key World and had a form for all members to sign stating they received the keys.

**Miss Stillwater:** Mrs. Leonard has been in touch with Lauren Keufner. She agreed to chair the contest again this year if she had a co-chair to help her. Mr. Nothstine agreed to co-chair the event.

**Summer Rec. Program:** Ms. Chammings stated there is a new person at Swartswood Park that needs to be contacted named Nancy. Mrs. Sugar will contact her. The Commission decided the weeks of August 13 and 20 will be the weeks the camp is held. Mrs. Leonard asked if the Commission would like to ask Tara Tosti if she would be interested in running the camp again. All members agreed. Mrs. Leonard will contact Mrs. Tosti.

**Open Public Session:** Mrs. Sugar made a **motion** to open the meeting to the public at 8:29, Mrs. Fritsch seconded.

There being no business to discuss, Mrs. Sugar made a motion to close OPS at 8:30, Mrs. Fritsch seconded.

**Reports:** Mr. Nothstine is trying to set up a public meeting to discuss the playground on April 23 at Stillwater School. He has looked up the map for ideas for placement.

Mrs. Sugar had some old farm equipment removed from Veterans Park. Fish and Game was pleased to see them removed because they couldn't stock the brook.

**Committee Member Comments:** Mr. Nothstine stated that the person mowing the field at Veterans is mowing over the Little League fence. He should be told to please take care there. Mrs. Sugar asked who mows that field. Mr. Powell stated it is a volunteer and he would mention the concerns to him. Mr. Nothstine thanked him.

**Liaison Report:** none

**Open Public Session:** Mrs. Sugar made a **motion** to open the third OPS at 8:33, Mrs. Fritsch seconded.

Ms. Chammings stated she has been told by the Stillwater Rec. League that there were people using the softball field. Eric Powell stated no one was supposed to be on the softball field and would tell his teams they are not supposed to be using it.

Ms. Chammings also stated the Stillwater Rec. League is having a meeting on April 18. They are reaching out to try to find volunteers to run their programs.

Ms. Chammings reminded the Commission that Brett Ross was looking for a project to earn Eagle Scout. The Commission may want to approach him about benches for Veterans Field.

Ms. Chammings also told the Commission that JCP&L would be trimming trees in the area. If the Commission asks them, they will spread the chips wherever the Commission would like.

**Ms. Chammings** reminded the Commission that last year she paid for the seed used at Veterans. The Commission voted and approved a reimbursement of \$334.00 back in December. A member of the Township Committee has since pulled the bill and Ms. Chammings was wondering the status of her reimbursement. Mrs. Leonard stated she would continue to look into it. Mrs. Sugar stated she would look into it also.

Finally, **Ms. Chammings** stated that any time the Commission needed the help of the Chammings' tractors they can just ask, and she would be more than happy to help Ms. Keufner and Mr. Nothstine with Miss Stillwater.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Sugar** made a **motion** to close OPS at 8:40, **Ms. Gulette** seconded.

**Executive Session:** none

There being no further business, **Mrs. Sugar** made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by **Mrs. Fritsch**. In a voice vote, all were in favor. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tammy Leonard, Secretary

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Tina Sugar, Chairperson