

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
March 7, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Recreation Commission (RC) was held at 7:00 pm at the Stillwater Municipal Building, Stillwater, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairperson Lisa Chamblings 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: Ms. Chamblings, Mr. Chamblings, Mr. Kately, Mrs. Fritsch, Mrs. Sugar, Mrs. Franco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Murch

Also present, Committeewoman Straway

Welcome of New Member: Ms. Chamblings welcomed the Recreation Commission's newest member Tina Franco.

MINUTES

Mr. Kately made a motion to approve the February 7th minutes, **Mrs. Fritsch** seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Kately, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Franco, abstain

BILLS: The Commission had the following bills: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Chamblings gave each member of package of correspondence. The packet contained a letter to the members from Ms. Chamblings, an agreement by Judy Fisher pertaining to the new keys for Veterans Park which needs to be reviewed by the town's attorney, information from Oppenheimer about grants, a letter from Mr. Stekowich from December 2010, and notice of a Safe Food Handling course at SCCC. Ms. Chamblings also gave Mrs. Leonard a notice from Montague Recreation about an event being held. Mrs. Leonard will be posting the notice on the board in front of the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Bus Trip Update: Postponed until next month due to Mrs. Murch's injury.

Parks Maintenance/Upgrades Update: Fertilizing and seeding of Veterans Park needs to be acted on. Ms. Chamblings will contact Mrs. Murch to see if she has contacted George Brooke. Mrs. Fritsch will follow-up also.

Sub-Committee Meeting Report: Ms. Chamblings read a report describing the sub-committee report between the Environmental and Recreation Commissions (attached). The conclusion of the sub-committee was that it may be better on the active side of Veterans Park to provide garbage cans rather than require carry in/carry out of garbage. Mr. Kately stated that last year there had been discussion of purchasing bear-proof garbage cans for Veterans Park using Clean Communities money. He stated there is no state contract for bear-proof garbage cans. Ms. Chamblings stated she had an option for a receptacle that may want to be considered. It is a 130 gallon double unit animal-proof receptacle with recycling on one end and regular garbage on the other. The cost is \$1753.70. She stated the Commission wanted to see if there is still money in the

Clean Communities account or if there is a Recycling Trust that could be used to purchase the can. Ms. Chamblings stated she is in favor of the bear-proof can but wasn't sure the Environmental Commission felt the same. She knows they definitely didn't want one on the passive side of the park. Mrs. Franco asked for clarification of what the active and passive sides of the park are. Ms. Chamblings explained that the left side of Veterans Park is for fishing, hiking and birding, and the right side is the baseball field and where football and lacrosse play. She stated that before garbage cans had been provided at the field people left their trash there because there was nowhere to put it. Mr. Kately stated he favors the bear-proof cans as well. Mrs. Fritsch and Mrs. Sugar agreed. Mr. Chamblings asked for more information about the can. Ms. Chamblings stated that the biggest can available was a double unit with trash on one side and recycling on the other. She stated the lowest cost for the can was \$1753.70 and the highest was \$1846. She guessed the price difference was based on the number purchased. For a one-sided receptacle the cost is \$1108. Mrs. Franco asked if that was a normal price. She thought it seemed like a lot of money for a garbage can. Mr. Kately stated it was an average price. Ms. Chamblings stated she could call for actual prices that could be brought before the Town Committee stating the Commission would like to purchase the cans through either Clean Communities or the Recycling Trust. She stated she would like to do that, then the Town Committee could make the decision of whether to spend the money or not.

Mr. Kately made a **motion** that a recommendation be made to the Town Committee to purchase the dual container, bear-proof garbage receptacle for installation at Veterans Park near the athletic fields. **Mrs. Sugar** seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Kately, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Franco, yes

Ms. Chamblings consulted with Mrs. Straway to confirm she was correct in everything stated pertaining to the Sub-Committee meeting. Mrs. Straway stated that was pretty much what was discussed. She asked if at this time she could discuss the matter further. She stated she made a phone call to the Fredon Municipal Clerk, Joanne Charner, due to the fact that there is a lot of activity at Lodestar Park. The Fredon DPW picks up the trash 3 to 4 times per week, so they never have trash left sitting for any length of time and they don't have an animal problem. She stated that during times of high usage, such as football, the organization using the field bags their own trash and deposits it at the pavilion. The DPW then picks it up. The DPW is aware of when the fields are being used and when will be a heavy trash time. Following her conversation with Mrs. Charner, Mrs. Straway isn't sure that the expensive bear-proof cans are the best way to go, due to the fact that in the past the DPW hasn't picked up the trash more than once a week. She stated that since she joined the Town Committee in January, it has been discussed that the DPW should pick up the trash more often so it is not left sitting there. She stated she has spoken to Brian Hendershot and he is getting her a count of the currently existing garbage cans. She stated the town may want to start with what hasn't been done before, such as picking the garbage up more than once a week on the weekends. She stated there are also people who simply dump their trash at the area fields. She also stated that the signage is a problem because there is no way of enforcing it. Ms. Chamblings asked if the signs were a zoning ordinance. Mrs. Straway stated she didn't know. Ms. Chamblings stated the town has a Zoning Officer so if a report were made of someone seeing garbage being dumped it would go to the Zoning Officer. Ms. Chamblings stated the Zoning Officer picked up extra hours in order to enforce zoning. Mrs. Straway stated that was probably correct, but it can be very difficult to identify who is doing the dumping. Mr. Kately disagreed. He stated that anyone stating they saw someone dumping something gives a

statement, the person accused is charged, and the accuser needs to testify. He stated that even if there is no sign there stating no dumping doesn't mean people aren't obligated to obey the law. He then stated regarding the trash receptacles; the town has a small DPW and if they get busy with a road issue or trees down and can't get to the park for a week, the animals will start eating there. Once they begin eating there the area is identified as a food source. He believes if the Clean Communities money is available we should think about doing something ahead of time rather than trying to put band-aids on a problem later. He stated it is up to the Town Committee whether to go forward with the purchase or not. Ms. Chamblings stated the Commission has made a motion, we will move on the motion, and the Town Committee can decide. Ms. Straway asked if the DPW being notified of scheduling was in the report. Ms. Chamblings stated it was. Ms. Chamblings also stated that since August when the field was being used extensively due to football, baseball and softball, garbage pick up was more often than just once a week. She stated she knew this because she picked it up. Mrs. Straway stated not by DPW. Ms. Chamblings stated she believes having a bear-proof can there would be very helpful. Mrs. Straway stated she isn't completely opposed to that, but at one time discussion was about 3 receptacles. Ms. Chamblings stated now we are looking at just one to see how it works. Mrs. Straway stated that isn't unreasonable. She stated she just wanted to hear what the Commission's perspective was. Mr. Kately stated this had been discussed last year and it had been pushed to the side for whatever reason and the Commission was now getting back to it. Ms. Chamblings stated there was a difference of opinion between the Rec. Commission and the Environmental Commission and that was the reason for the sub-committee meeting. She assumes the results of the meeting will also be discussed at the Environmental Commission meeting. Mrs. Straway stated she will be attending that meeting as well. Mr. Chamblings stated he wanted to speak to Mr. Kately's point. He stated not only do you need one person to see someone dumping trash, but if they start dumping household garbage all that is needed is one piece of mail to go forward with prosecution. It is then up to the person to prove it didn't come from their household. Ms. Chamblings stated the ordinance sign states "Dumping and littering prohibited in Stillwater. Punishable by a \$1000 fine", then it lists the ordinance number. Ms. Chamblings stated she would like to put the signs at all the parks. Mr. Chamblings stated he wasn't sure who was in charge of enforcing the ordinance. Ms. Chamblings stated she knew the Zoning Officer's hours were increased by 2 hours per week to help pick up the slack from losing the Police Department. Ms. Chamblings gave Mrs. Fritsch copies of the Stillwater Field Use form and Kittatinny's field use form to give to Mrs. Murch. She stated it needs to be revised to include some sort of responsibility statement for visiting organizations about taking care of the fields.

Stillwater Festival Update: Ms. Chamblings attended the Historical Society meeting on February 10. She stated they loved having the Rec. Commission be a part of the Fall Festival in September and hoped the Commission would do the same this year. She stated that doesn't mean the Commission can't have Stillwater Day in June. She stated if the Commission wants to have something in June, work on it would need to begin now. She asked if the members had any thoughts on June 4.

Mr. Chamblings made a **motion** to move forward with an event on June 4 and keep the option open for September if the Commission wants to help the Historical Society. **Mr. Kately** seconded.

Mr. Kately asked if there would be enough time to do something on June 4. Mrs. Fritsch stated the Commission got such a late start with the Festival in the Fall but the templates are already in place so its not like starting from scratch. Ms. Chamblings stated that Stillwater Day was traditionally fundraisers for organizations and games. She stated the Commission got away from the games, such as the dunking booth, in the September festival. She asked if the Commission wanted to get back to that with the June festival or not. She stated the games are expensive. The Commission pays \$600-\$700 for the games. Ms. Chamblings stated she is not opposed to doing it in June, but that she cannot do it alone. Mrs. Fritsch, Mrs. Sugar, and Mrs. Franco said they would help. Ms. Chamblings stated that the Commission would then do something in June where Miss Stillwater will be crowned. She stated the Commission will pull out files from the past and go back to what used to be done. She wants there to be an itinerary prepared for the next meeting in April. Mrs. Fritsch asked if there would be a pig roast again. Ms. Chamblings said no, because there were some questions raised about the pig roast and the funds raised from it. She stated she had never been given a clear direction on it and wasn't doing it again. Mrs. Fritsch asked if the June festival would be in conjunction with the Historical Society. Ms. Chamblings stated it would not. She stated the Historical Society does a Strawberry Festival in June but it is very minor. They do horse-drawn carriage rides, pies and things at the museum. Mrs. Sugar asked if it would be held at the school. Ms. Chamblings stated yes, if we're able to. The Commission needs to submit a building use form. She stated that is all on file. Mrs. Sugar asked if it could be held at one of the fields. Ms. Chamblings stated the problem with that is there is no running water or electricity available. Mrs. Sugar stated she liked it at the school. Ms. Chamblings stated the Commission would also try to have a parade.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Kately, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Franco, yes

Clean-Up Day Update: Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, with a rain date of Sunday, May 1. Ms. Chamblings asked Mrs. Leonard to compile a check list of what needed to be done for the day. Mrs. Leonard gave Ms. Chamblings this list and stated most of the items needed to be completed by the secretary. Ms. Chamblings wanted the secretary to have assistance with the day so she assigned the task to Mrs. Fritsch and Mrs. Franco. She stated she still had a few of the giveaways from last year at her house. Ms. Chamblings recommended speaking with Mr. Fisher regarding holding a second Clean-Up Day in the Fall. Ms. Chamblings also pointed out that during Clean-Up Day, we can only clean Township roads, not County roads. Mrs. Fritsch asked who pays for the giveaways. Ms. Chamblings stated the Commission pays for it and it can then be submitted to the Clean Communities Fund. Mrs. Fritsch asked Mrs. Leonard if she takes care of registering the interested organizations and assigns the roads to be cleaned. Mrs. Leonard stated that yes, that is what she is working on. Ms. Chamblings stated the organizations generally clean the same roads and the smallest of the Girl Scouts are usually given a park to keep them off the roads.

Movie Night Update: Ms. Chamblings stated she never heard back from anyone regarding movie night. Mrs. Sugar stated the Fire Department membership didn't want to hold a movie night in their building due to insurance reasons. She stated that when she, as a private citizens, wishes to use the building she needs to give a deposit and a copy of her Homeowner's Insurance. The Rec. Commission, as an organization, would need to have insurance. She stated they are not closed-minded to having it possibly outside in the field during the summer. Mrs. Sugar also suggested possibly having a movie night at the Stillwater School gym. Ms. Chamblings suggested possibly having movie night on Stillwater Day.

Easter Egg Hunt Update: Mrs. Sugar stated that the Fire Department would like to keep the egg hunt as is. They appreciate the offer, but enjoy doing the egg hunt themselves.

Spring Newsletter Update: Mrs. Leonard has sent an email to the area organizations asking for submissions for the newsletter. She stated she didn't have a contact email for lacrosse. Mrs. Fritsch stated she could give her one. Ms. Chamblings stated she had the publisher program on her computer and could compose the newsletter. She was hoping to have it completed and sent out following the April meeting.

Open Public Session: Ms. Chamblings made a **motion** to open the meeting to the public at 7:46, Mr. Chamblings seconded.

Harold Bork, 906 Maple Path, stated the Commission may want to speak to the head ranger from the Delaware Water Gap park about the bear-proof garbage cans. He stated they were recently put in all over the park and may be able to give information about pricing. He suggested speaking to the Fairview Lake YMCA camp or Camp Neveda about movie night because they have large halls that could possibly be used. Finally he wanted to thank the Rec. Commission members who provide their time and efforts to the community.

Cornelia Borkstrom, had a question with regard to the Stillwater Rec. League and who she could speak to with some issues. Ms. Chamblings stated Wendy Fabian was in charge of the Rec. League. Mrs. Borkstrom stated Mrs. Fabian was her issue. She doesn't know who to go to anymore. She has had an issue for a few years and has tried to speak to Mrs. Fabian and stated Mrs. Fabian has been less than polite and helpful. Mrs. Borkstrom stated she had asked to coach softball and was told she could. She later found out Mrs. Fabian had approached someone else to coach the team, and this person's child isn't on the team. Mrs. Borkstrom sent Mrs. Fabian an email asking why she had done this and received a reply stating she, Mrs. Fabian, didn't like how Mrs. Borkstrom coached the team. Ms. Chamblings asked what group this was. Mrs. Borkstrom stated 3rd and 4th grade softball. Mrs. Borkstrom relayed a story of an incident at one of the games concerning Mrs. Fabian. Ms. Chamblings asked if this incident took place at one of the town fields. Mrs. Borkstrom stated it happened at the school field. Ms. Chamblings stated she may need to approach the school, because the school fields are governed by the schools rules. Mrs. Borkstrom then stated that Mrs. Fabian had asked her for personal medical information with regards to coaching. She stated no other coaches are asked for

this kind of information. Ms. Chammings stated she understands what Mrs. Borkstrom is saying, but that the Rec. Commission doesn't oversee the Rec. League in any way, shape, or form. She stated the only thing the Commission does is grant the League use of the fields and oversee the use of the fields. Ms. Chammings stated she, acting apart from the Rec. Commission, would try to find someone for Mrs. Borkstrom to speak with regarding her problem.

Jim Giannetti, Kittatinny Travel Soccer, has submitted a field use form for Volunteer Field for the spring. Currently they have 5 teams: 2 small sided field use teams, U10 and U9, 2 high school teams, 1 boys team and 1 girls team, and 1 junior high girls team. The field use request is for weekdays, starting as soon as the field is dry, hopefully March 21. The season will start the first Sunday in April. They have Sunday games and only hold Saturday games if it is a make-up for a rain out. The games would start as early as 11:00 am and would continue until dark. If there are home games, they try to schedule at least 3 games in a row so there is a referee crew there for the whole day. Practices would start around 4:30 and would go until dark, about 9:00. Mr. Giannetti didn't think Rec. Soccer would be competing with travel this spring. Mr. Giannetti and Mrs. Fritsch heard there wouldn't be Rec. Soccer offered this spring. Ms. Chammings stated she had received an email stating that it may be offered after all. A field use form has not been received by the Rec. Commission as of yet. Mr. Giannetti also mentioned the Commission would be receiving a field use form from European Soccer for summer camps. Ms. Chammings stated that had been received. Mr. Giannetti stated that is a really good program for younger kids. He also stated that the Men's Soccer League hasn't submitted forms yet but he had contacted them. He stated they are usually mid-June through July, weekday evenings. He stated it doesn't usually interfere with any youth soccer, because it is an adult program.

Kevin Kane, 1050 Stillwater Road, stated he had checked the town website to refer to the December Rec. Commission minutes and they weren't available. Mrs. Leonard stated she had submitted them, but would resend the minutes in case there had been a problem. He also stated he had just driven past Veterans Park and there didn't seem to be any standing water. Mr. Kane also addressed Mrs. Straway saying if the money for the bear-proof garbage cans came from the Clean Communities money it comes from the state and wouldn't be a burden on the town taxpayers. He stated in the long term it would cost less to purchase the receptacles than to have the DPW increase their pickups. Mrs. Straway wanted to clarify that at one point during the Sub-Committee meeting there were 3 receptacles being discussed. She didn't think that 1 - \$1700 garbage receptacle was unreasonable. She stated she is not opposed to the garbage can. Mr. Kane then made a donation to the Rec. Commission to be used to help defer the cost of Clean-Up Day. He then spoke to Mrs. Leonard offering his assistance with any questions having to do with Clean-Up Day. Ms. Chammings then stated for the record that the Kane family donated \$100 to the cost of Clean-Up Day which involves gloves, garbage bags, giveaways and such. She gave the check to Mrs. Leonard to be given to the CFO. Ms. Chammings thanked Mr. and Mrs. Kane for their generosity.

There being no further discussion, **Ms. Chammings** made a motion to close OPS at 8:00, **Mr. Kately** seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Use Forms: There were field use forms for European Soccer and Kittatinny Travel Soccer; and Stillwater Fredon Little League still needed to meet with Kittatinny Travel Baseball. Mrs. Fritsch asked for clarification because at the last meeting the form for Kitt. Travel Baseball couldn't be located. Ms. Chamblings stated they were going to provide a new form. Mrs. Fritsch asked if the Commission still didn't know exactly what their request was. Ms. Chamblings said yes, they were supposed to meet with SFLB but Mrs. Campbell was away. Mrs. Fritsch stated then the Commission still can't make a decision. Ms. Chamblings stated that SFLB didn't want the fields until April 1, and they had submitted their insurance form. She stated the Commission could provisionally approve the form, but it needed to be determined that schedules won't conflict. Ms. Chamblings stated she didn't think Kitt. Travel BB wanted the fields until later.

As for Kittatinny Travel Soccer and European Soccer there are no conflicts for use of Volunteer Field and **Ms. Chamblings** made a **motion** to approve their field use forms, **Mr. Kately** seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Kately, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Franco, yes

Ms. Chamblings made a **motion** to allow SFLB to begin to provisionally use the fields as long as there are no conflicts following the meeting with Kittatinny Travel Baseball, **Mrs. Sugar** seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Kately, yes, Mrs. Fritsch, yes, Mrs. Sugar, yes, Mrs. Franco, yes

Ms. Chamblings stated any members, up to 3, wishing to attend the meeting with SFLB and KTBB are welcome.

Reports: Mrs. Fritsch reported that at the KMFL board meeting she was given prices for bleachers. She stated she didn't know how they compared to the prices the Commission had seen. Mrs. Fritsch stated that KMFL is willing to share the cost of the bleachers, depending on how much the Commission has to put toward them. KMFL wants to know how much the Commission has to put forth. Mrs. Fritsch stated KMFL wanted to give the Commission the catalog they had containing bleachers to see how the prices compare. Ms. Chamblings stated she is now delegating more of the business of the Commission to the members. She has decided to hand this to Mrs. Sugar. She gave her the contact number for lacrosse. She asked Mrs. Sugar to get in touch with them to see if they could also share in the cost of the bleachers. Ms. Chamblings suggested also finding the price of bleachers offered through the Commission's co-op. The prices could then be compared and a decision can be made. Mrs. Sugar asked for clarification of what fields the bleachers would be for. Ms. Chamblings stated Veterans Field is the only field that really needs bleachers. She stated that the bleachers at Stillwater Park are going to be modified and Volunteer Field already has bleachers that were donated a few years ago by Carol Fredericks. Mrs. Sugar asked if the Commission was looking for prices for the 5 tier or 4 tier bleachers. A discussion followed about whether or not there was a bench already present at Veterans Park. Mrs. Sugar and Mrs. Franco stated there is one small bench present on the field. Mrs. Fritsch stated she thought the Commission was looking at putting in a permanent fixture bench. Ms. Chamblings stated that right now we were looking into bleachers for the fans. Mr. Kately asked if the Commission had to go through the co-op. Ms. Chamblings stated the Commission needs to get 3

quotes. Mr. Kately stated he thinks Mrs. Sugar needs to get prices from places that go through the Morris County Co-op.

Mr. Chamblings asked how much the giveaways cost for Clean-Up Day. Ms. Chamblings stated she would have to consult last year's records, but believed it was about \$150.00. Mr. Chamblings stated he would cover whatever cost remained beyond the Kane family donation.

Mrs. Franco had no report.

Mr. Kately is researching the cost for clay for the baseball fields. The cost from the Morris County Co-op was \$34.20 per ton delivered. Ms. Chamblings stated we need to determine if the grading for this clay is similar to what the fields currently have. Ms. Chamblings then gave Mr. Kately a letter from Windsor Soil Company about clay which priced at \$950.00 per load, but she didn't know how many tons there are per load. Mr. Kately pointed out it was for 25 tons.

Mrs. Sugar had no report.

Ms. Chamblings stated we are still waiting for the final deed to be filed for the donated property. She also stated she is going to look into possible grants for an "Enviro-Loo". She stated we are still waiting for the final budget. She stated she had attended the budget meeting in January, but was unable to attend the February meeting due to family matters. Mrs. Leonard asked if Mr. Fisher had given Ms. Chamblings a letter she had requested outlining exactly where things stood with the donated property. Ms. Chamblings stated she had not yet received a letter.

There were no further reports.

Executive Session: none

Liaison Report: Mrs. Straway stated the budge has been sent to the auditor. Mrs. Fritsch asked how long that should take. Mrs. Straway stated it depends, but to her understanding the auditor has already had a primary look and the budget has come back once to make some adjustments. It will then go back for its final approval. She stated she is hoping the Town Committee will have it by mid-April.

Open Public Session: The second OPS was opened at 8:19.

Bill Stekowich, 907 Hardwick Road, stated he met with people from Harmony Hill Church and Mt. Carmel about starting an Ecumenical food pantry. He met with someone from Mt. Carmel who said they have a food pantry at the McKeown school. Right now there isn't really a Stillwater family food pantry. The Presbyterian church is putting together a joint church food pantry. He spoke to Mrs. Nelson who said in Newton, churches puts up signs at baseball games asking for food donations. He asked the Commission if it would be alright for the Ecumenical food pantry to post signs at the town fields asking for food pantry donations. The food could then either be picked up or brought to his house or one of the three churches. Last month the Presbyterian church was able to feed 19 families with 4 or 5 days worth of food, but he stated people eat more than 4 or 5 days. He stated the churches are trying to get different rec. groups together to accept food. He asked if they would be able to prepare signs and what would any limitations be on the signs. Ms. Chamblings asked if this would be a joint venture

between Harmony Hill, Mt. Carmel, and the Presbyterian church. Mr. Stekowich answered yes. Ms. Chammings clarified that Mr. Stekowich was asking permission to ask for food to be dropped off somewhere for this joint venture Stillwater Food Pantry. Mr. Stekowich again said yes. He stated they had people available to drive the food to people who need it. He stated they are learning there are quite a few shut-ins in town in need of food. Ms. Chammings asked how they assess the need for help. Mr. Stekowich stated there is a form and the county also has a form. Ms. Chammings stated she knew someone else had approached the Town Committee with the same idea, but it wasn't through the churches. Mr. Stekowich stated at one of the town meetings someone approached with the idea of putting a food pantry into one of the garages. He stated he didn't know what had happened with the idea, but that this was a completely different group. Ms. Chammings stated that she personally didn't have a problem with them trying to get donations by passing out a flier at a game, but she didn't want to conflict with anything else that may already be planned. She then added she didn't know if anything had been planned because she hadn't heard any more about it. She stated the Presbyterian church already has an established food bank and this would most likely enhance that one. Mr. Stekowich stated he spoke to the woman at Mt. Carmel who runs the food pantry. She stated they have a food pantry at Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year. Right now the Presbyterian church does it once a month. Depending on how much the churches cooperate, they may do it 2 or 3 times a month. Ms. Chammings suggested Mr. Stekowich put something in writing that can then be submitted to the Town Committee. Mrs. Fritsch asked if they were just asking to be allowed to advertise and allow collection of food at area games. Ms. Chammings stated the question then always becomes insurance. Mr. Kately stated he thinks it really needs to be brought before the Town Committee and the town's attorney would have to say it was okay. He stated he is not opposed to it, the Commission just has to make sure we are allowed to.

Open Public Session was closed at 8:29.

Committee Member Comments: None

There being no further business, **Mr. Kately** made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm, seconded by **Mrs. Fritsch**. In a voice vote, all were in favor. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Leonard, Secretary

Lisa Chammings, Chairperson

* To: Recreation Commission and Environmental Commission

Re: Garbage detail at Veteran's Memorial Park

From: Lisa Chammings

Date: March 7, 2011

Two members of the Recreation Commission and two members of the Environmental Commission met to discuss how to best handle garbage at Veteran's Memorial Park. In attendance were Jack Branagan, Ed Szabo, Judi Murch, and Lisa Chammings. Committee Woman Anita Straway was also in attendance.

The general conclusion of those present was the following:

- Garbage on the passive side would remain as is with one container at the top of the parking lot to encourage users of park to place garbage in the container.
- Placement of 'No Littering' sign with township Ordinance # and \$1000 fine to be imposed if caught be placed at entrance to fishing area on passive side and by bridge to active side.
 - Discussion also took place regarding placing these signs at Stillwater Park in Swartswood as well as Volunteer Park in Middleville.
- DPW would be notified of game schedules in order to coordinate when pickup by a DPW worker would be required.
- Garbage Cans would be placed near playing fields to encourage use. One can for garbage and one for recycling
 - Discussion took place regarding purchase of cans that would suit the area through Clean Communities Grants or the Recycling Trust.
- Revision of Field Use forms would be necessary to ensure that teams/organizations/coaches understood the importance of being good caretakers of the facilities to ensure future usage.

In general the meeting ended with a direction. Each commission will now be presented with this summary, discussion amongst individual commissions is encouraged, a vote to be taken, and then dual recommendation will be passed along to the Township Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Chammings