

## **Metuchen Recreation Commission Meeting**

**March 8, 2106**

### **Present:**

Alicia Killean, Jennifer Woods, Dee Sneddon, Nancy Goldberg, Bruce Peragallo, Liza Burns, John Masturzo, Scott Brooks, Ron Grayzel, Reed Liebfreed, Don Wallace, George Ludwig

Guest Presenter: Gustave DeBlasio

### **Playground Meeting:**

Ron Grayzel recapped that Metuchen Borough needs to bring the playgrounds in town up to ADA code. The Borough Engineering Firm, Maser Consulting, sent Gustave DeBlasio out to inspect the parks. Work needs to be done and the Commission decided to start their efforts at Oakland Park, Grove Avenue as it had many violations. DPW has already addressed several of them. Gus presented some concepts and the Commission gave him feedback. Mayor Cammarano is looking for input from the Commission. There is a possibility that we can receive funding from the Middlesex County with a 50% cash match.

Gus DeBlasio- Playground inspector and designer with Maser Consulting. He spoke about Game Time Components aging well. He spoke about the composite play structure can take up the bulk of our budget. He spoke about the different type of playground surfacing . Fibar is a engineered woodchip composite that freezes like a rock. He prefers poured in place recycled rubber. He recommends to clean up and evaluate existing trees before designing playground. Improved parking will be a consideration as well as improved seating. Selection of equipment can also be mindful of preventing insect habitats. Oakland Park tends to attract bees. We asked about looking into security camera and lighting.

### **Recommendations from Recreation Commission and others present:**

Minimum of 2 composite structures ( age specific) , double bay swing ( 5-12), single bay toddler swing, climbing structure, spinners, re surface basketball court, maybe save shuffleboard, quote for ADA parking on field side of the street ( 2-3 spots), possible water fountain and improvements to bathroom, set poles and conduit so electrical wiring for camera to be installed in the future and for power outlets. Project will need to go out to bid once we are given a budget.

### **Up Coming Special Events**

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday night Daddy Daughter Dance 647 people registered so far with 42 pre reserved tables roughly 24 8<sup>th</sup> graders Final count from last year was 678. Registration are still coming in. Nancy will begin set up at 4:00pm, any help that evening is greatly appreciated.

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Egg Hunt –hunt begins at 9:00am set up begins at 7:45am. Abby Brooks will be the bunny again this year.

Ron Grayzel spoke to the Mayor about adding 2 alternates to the Recreation Commission. We need to have an ordinance written up to include the alternates.

Scott Brooks made a motion to adjourn. John Masturzo seconded the motion

Repectfully Submitted by

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