

## Wrightsville Recreation Commission

June 28, 2011

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:44PM by Chairwoman Englehart.

In attendance were:

J. Englehart, Dave Livelsberger, Erik Smith and C. Eckman. Not in attendance was L. Cunningham (E).

Motion to approve the minutes was made by D. Livelsberger and seconded by E. Smith. Check register was not available; therefore, no vote was taken.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Treasurer/Concession Update**

Total profit for the concession stand for the 2011 baseball season was \$490.75. The reason for the drastic decrease in profits was due to baseball games being played at the Vine Street fields and inadequate staffing (lack of volunteers). If games are to be played at the Vine Street fields next year, major improvements need to be made at the Vine Street concession stand. There is no running water and no electricity at said stand and the stand is not visible from the upper field.

#### **Baseball/Softball Update**

The End-of-the-Season banquet will be held on July 20 from 6-8PM at the Riverside Lodge #503. The website has been updated to reflect the date change. C. Bolton to send out invitation postcards to the players and their families in the next few days. D. Livelsberger will be ordering trophies from Youth Sports. Uniforms must be turned in for the player to receive their trophy.

Discussion ensued regarding use of fields for next season. There are many issues that need to be addressed at the Vine Street fields. Access to the fields is a major concern. With there being only one way in and one way out, traffic congestion and speeding is an issue. Additionally, the fields are not handicap accessible and the fields are not big enough for the 11-13 teams. More discussion ensued regarding locations of all the fields in town. The reason for not utilizing the school fields is because they are too spread out. D. Livelsberger feels the riverfront fields should be rehabilitated and kept in use for future seasons. However, if the fields are removed for park improvements, board members would like to know if grant money is going to be used to make modifications to other field locations in the borough. Board members are curious as to where they stand with the riverfront plan as they do not feel as though the recreation board should have to front the money to make the necessary improvements if the riverfront fields are being taken away. A question was posed regarding the status of the donation from the Wrightsville Social Club. D. Livelsberger indicated he had spoken with a club member regarding the funding of the fence/backdrop for the riverfront fields. D. Livelsberger suggested getting pricing for the fence and then finding out what the club would be willing to donate towards that cost. The club member indicated the WSC had a meeting coming up and he would get back to D. Livelsberger after the meeting. In the meantime, D. Livelsberger indicated he will get estimates for the fencing.

## **Basketball Update**

Member reviewed the sample sign-up form. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the board definitely needs a form that requests more information than what they currently collect. Modifications will continue to be made on the sample form.

E. Smith is working with Brent Graybill regarding the possible donation of a laptop to the WR board. More information to follow at a later time.

## **Sign Update**

C. Eckman has not heard from any of the businesses that purchased a sign for the 2011 season regarding refunding monies paid.

## **Fundraising Update**

Tickets are still available for the Phillies vs. Nationals bus trip. Final payment for the bus trip will be made in July. Seats must be sold. If anyone is interested, payment must be made immediately. Cost is \$70/person.

Discussion ensued regarding combining fundraising opportunities with the Masonic Lodge. J. Englehart would like to see approximately three fundraisers per year with the lodge, i.e., car wash, pancake breakfast, etc.

Another idea for fundraising is a bake sale at Sue's Market.

Flyers for restaurant fundraising nights will be distributed at the end-of-season banquet. Flyers must be approved by restaurants before being printed. C. Bolton to work with L. Cunningham on this task. C. Bolton to provide information to borough secretary for placement on the website.

## **Other Business**

E. Smith made a motion to have Nate Nickel's name brought before borough council for appointment to the WR board; J. Englehart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. C. Bolton will bring Nate's name to council for consideration.

E. Smith inquired as to the possibility of the WR board getting its own email address with the borough. If possible, who would be able to access the account? E. Smith would also like to have email addresses for as many players as possible to make contacting them easier. The idea of a quarterly newsletter was raised. This would keep players and families updated as to upcoming signups, fundraisers, etc. J. Englehart stated she would like to see the WR run more like a business as right now the board seems scattered. If board presents itself more professional, perhaps more parents/community members would be willing to participate. J. Englehart also pointed out that team parents need to be appointed for each team in each sport. Coaches should not be bogged down with fundraising and concession stand volunteering issues. There should be 1-2 parents per team. J. Englehart would also like to see the borough secretary attend a WR meeting every so often in order for the borough and the WR to "be on the same page" and be able to address any issues/concerns that may arise.

E. Smith mentioned a fundraising idea for next summer. He would like to try to do an obstacle course for the players to participate in. Sponsors for t-shirts and donations of fresh fruit from local farm markets would be sought. WFD has indicated a willingness to be on site to spray kids down with a hose after completing the obstacle course. C. Bolton to check with borough secretary regarding liability insurance for an event like this. More information to follow as details become available.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15PM by E. Smith and seconded by C. Eckman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal A. Bolton, Acting Secretary