



Franklin Township  
Advisory Recreation Council  
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018  
Community / Senior Center  
6:00pm  
Minutes

**In Attendance:** Bill Gallagher, Nancy Sayre, Keith Stewart, Lewis Hurd, John Moon, Carl Wright, Venkateshan Pundi

**In Attendance via phone:** Percy Sanders and Elois Taylor

**Excused:** Ty-Wanna Cotton and Varun Venkateshan

**Absent:** Govind Seshadri and

**Staff:** Alice Osipowitz and Dan Reeve

**Call to order:** Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Moon to approve the Nov. 14, 2018 minutes as presented, Ms. Sayre and Mr. Hurd abstain, all others in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the Oct. 2018 minutes as presented, all others in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Hurd to open the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

See that there are no public comments, a motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Hurd to close the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

### **Franklin Township Baseball League**

Mr. Chuck Turano, Mr. John Brewer and Mr. Peter Melillo, representing Franklin Township Baseball League, spoke about the need for lights on the large baseball field at the Franklin Baseball Complex.

- Mr. Turano reviewed numerous birds eye view images of the complex
- Concerns brought forward by home owners who share property lines with the complex include; baseballs landing on private property, retrievers entering private property, parking on private property, and light "spillover".
- FTBL has received a quote to have netting installed behind home plate and along 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline to help contain a majority of foul balls to keep them within the property line of the complex.
- FTBL would agree to adhere to all current TWP field lighting policies / ordinances such as those at Middlebush Park
- Field lights would be used for games only, not practices
- Mr. Turano discussed the 2 possible lighting options; LED vs HID
- Product cost = LED (\$140K - \$150K) & HID (\$90K - \$100K)
- Install cost = \$110K - \$120K
- Either scenario is based on 6 light poles (4 new poles to be installed & 2 shared poles from current lights on smaller field)
- As in prior FTBL & TWP lighting partnership project, FTBL would offer as much "sweat equity" as possible to help defray as much of the \$110K - \$120K as possible.
- Mr. Turano requests the TWP pay the full cost of the project minus the "sweat equity" that FTBL can contribute. Any monies contributed by FTBL would limit the amount of maintenance funds available.
- Mr. Brewer stated that FTBL provides financial assistance to families who are not able to pay the registration fee

Mr. Wright spoke to all neighbors whose properties boarder the FTBL complex. Most concerns brought forth revolved around foul balls landing on private property, spectators walking through and parking on private property.

A motion was made by Mr. Hurd and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to recommend the Township install curbing on all appropriate streets bordering the FTBL complex to protect private property from spectator cars, all others in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hurd and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to recommend the Franklin Township Baseball League install protective netting along all necessary properties to stop foul balls & to stop spectators from entering private property, all others in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to recommend the addition of LED lights to the senior field at the FTBL complex. This would include 4 new poles and the sharing of 2 existing poles, all others in favor, motion carried.

## **Superintendents Report**

### **PROGRAM UPDATE**

**PLAY Basketball Program** – a four week basketball program for pre-school children using smaller balls and lower baskets. In addition to the fundamental skills of dribbling, passing and shooting the children engage in activities to improve their eye-hand coordination, reaction time, balance and footwork. (25 children)

### **Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute – November 9-11, 2018**

Nine Franklin Township teens representing the Youth Council attended a weekend leadership conference at Camp Mason. The 3 day event included several presentations, workshops, action groups and process groups. Workshop topics included Mental Health, Vaping and E-cigs, Diversity, Project Rx, and LGBTQ+. The presentations were high energy and interactive drawing and keeping the students attention even late into the evening. Action groups allowed the teens to discuss problems specific to their hometowns while process groups mixed teens from across the state to discuss the challenges they face each day.

### **FTYC Committee Program Planning**

- Diversity – Cultural Coffeehouse – December 14, 2018
  - A showcase of talent and fashion show.
- Education - Family Game Night – December 15, 2018
  - Parent/child team competition on giant board games.
- Therapeutic – Stuffed with Love – January 11, 2019
  - Decorating pillowcases and filling with toys & books for Ronald McDonald House
- Environmental – Fire Escape! – January 12, 2019
  - An escape room based on fire safety.
- Health & Wellness – Operation Be'you'tiful - January 18, 2019
  - Women's empowerment program.
- Youth & Community – Senior Games – January 19, 2019
  - Game shows travel to assisted living center.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Spring Program Registration – Jan. 9

## **Directors Report**

- Ms. Osipowitz will be meeting with representatives of Zoning and DPW to discuss the future plans for event/org signs that are temporarily installed around town in strategic locations.

## **Old Business**

No old business

**New Business**

Ms. Osipowitz will add the following agenda items to the Jan 2019 meeting agenda:

- Middlebush Park Restroom Access
- Concession stand policies / minimum age for servers
- Non-Profit status / 501(c)3 registered in Franklin
- Youth Sports Coaches Training Updates
- Rec Council Projects
  - Program site visits and evaluation
  - Park site visits / inspections
  - Event participation

Mr. Gallagher reported that NJ Youth Soccer has approved the Franklin Township Soccer Clubs 2019 Tournament application. Tournament is tentatively scheduled to be played at Middlebush Park on April 27, 2019 with a rain date of May 4, 2019.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Hurd to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm , all others in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Reeve  
Superintendent of Recreation