

## NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING Notes of January 15, 2013

In attendance: Michael Radwanski, Myan Nichols-Morgan, Niarra Harvey, Verita Hill, Maureen Ruotolo, Bridget James, Chappy Williams, and Dawn Thompson.

1. Call to Order – Dawn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. Review of November Recreation Committee Meeting Notes
3. Report from Recreation Director—Dawn shared recreation information concerning:
  - Dawn reviewed **Recreation activities and events**, including:
  - **Neptune Riverfest**—Tuesday, Jan 22, at 2pm in the Municipal Bldg—evaluation meeting from the Sept 29 event & to plan for a future event. Please attend if you have feedback or input.
  - **Farmers Market**—hoping to start up again in the late spring early summer. A suggestion to combine with a movie night, but the movie would have to be after dark.
  - **Summer Programs**—not many changes. Would like to extend Summer Rec to 7 weeks, but with school getting out later, dates are not confirmed yet. **Sailing Program** this summer may be reduced due to damage to the boats & boardwalk.
  - **BINGO**—continues monthly; still drawing a decent crowd.
  - **Holiday Event**—huge crowd for the DJ & Dancing & Donuts with Santa on Dec 8. Thanks to Chappy, Matt, Robert, Laria, and Myan, and the school volunteers for helping. We made a few notes about refreshment tweaking and should have a pre-set table for coloring.
  - **Egg Hunt**—Saturday, March 23 at 10am—Thanks in advance to Verita, Myan, Marvin, Chappy, Niarra, Bridget, and Maureen who offered to volunteer. We'll meet at 8:30am at Bert Willis Fields. Inclement weather date is set for Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
  - **Zumba, Yoga, and Line Dancing, Open Gym Basketball & Volleyball**—all continue weekly.
  - **Move & Improve Neptune** has completed its plan targeting improving community health over the next two years, including: institute tobacco-free policies for outdoor public spaces, increase community / student involvement in the school wellness committee, fresh produce introduction, and more marked walking / biking routes. Each of the groups is now inviting community involvement. Meeting set for January 28, 4:30pm in the Neptune Library, upstairs.
  - **Community Garden** is planned for Liberty Park—a collaboration between MURC, First Pentecostal Church, and Neptune Twp.
4. Upcoming / Current Events / News
  - **Egg Hunt**—Saturday, March 23 at 10am—Thanks in advance to Verita, Myan, Marvin, Chappy, Niarra, Bridget, and Maureen who offered to volunteer. We'll meet at 8:30am at Bert Willis Fields.
  - **Coaches SAFETY Clinic** is slated for Wednesday, March 13 from 6-9pm in Room B11 downstairs in the Municipal Building. Each league please e-mail Dawn a list of attendee names by March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - **American Youth Football**—Verita shared that closed registration is slated for April and open registration will follow. The \$185 fee includes an upfront \$30 fundraiser.
  - **Fall Track** –32 participants. 2 meets held in Jersey City in Dec. More meets scheduled on Jan 27, Feb 16, & Feb 24. Toms River Bubble has been repaired.
  - **Neptune Rec Soccer** field set up early March; practices start mid March; first games April 6<sup>th</sup>—for Rec & Travel Soccer. \$75 fee for Rec Soccer includes uniform. Registration has started. NSA is unveiling a new, more user-friendly website.
  - **Biddy Basketball** season well underway. All Star Games set for March 16th.
  - **Mayor's Ball**—Friday, May 31—beneficiary is Mary's Place. Please mark your calendars & encourage attendance.
  - **Mommy & Me / Tots Tumbling**—Dawn met with Bill Bailey from the OGCMA to discuss the possibility of using the Youth Temple for indoor programs during school hours to provide a morning Mommy & me program. Bill said he would approach the CMA to see what the feasibility is. Hours, fees, insurance, and locked access were among the questions.
5. Old / New Business—Questions / comments were fielded from around the table.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. **Next Meeting: 6pm Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Upstairs Library.**