



Commission Meeting Minutes 5.4.15

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Gallery 81, Somerville High School

Attendees: Jill Lathan, Danielle Palazzo, Natalie Vieira, Rich Liberatore, Karen Goodridge, Willie Medeiros, Tony Alibrandi, (1) Community Member

New Business:

*Jill Lathan had a Dilboy Pool assessment done on 4/27/15 and is waiting for the report to get sent with necessary requirements to be met to ensure that the pool meets all safety standards and regulations.

*Jill had a meeting on 4/29/15 with all Youth Leagues to discuss the importance of working together to ensure that all fields and resources are being utilized to their full potential. Also to make each program aware of each other's goals and efforts so that all parties are working together.

*Jill received the report back from Gale Associates regarding soil conditions of all fields along with root samples and recommendations on fertilization for those fields.

*Rich Liberatore asked if this field study report also incorporated Dilboy Aux and it did.

*Recreation will now be using a sliding fee scale similar to the one being used in the Arts Council to ensure that all youth are being offered ample opportunities to participate in Recreation Programming.

*Jill met with all adult leagues to discuss the importance of Sportsmanship, Code of Conduct, Language, etc. Men's Flag Football and Men's Softball both started on 5/3/15.

*Tony Alibrandi expressed that the Men's Softball League players are a little unhappy with the schedule for the Men's League games. This schedule is all that is available to accommodate the Girls Youth Softball, Girls High School Schedule, and Men's Softball schedule.

*Recreation has ordered signs in both English and Spanish for Capuano Glen Field to alleviate issues with permitting.

*Jill is waiting for a formal invite to the Youth Network Meeting to discuss the ratio of boy/girls programming. After reviewing all fall/winter programming the results indicate that boys and girls programming is very close to equal.

*Recreation Staff interviewed Mayor's Summer Jobs Program applications beginning 4/27/15 through 5/1/15.

*Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 and Recreation will have vendors present and staff working daily program events to have a fun filled day for all.



*Jill informed the Commission Members that there is a new Commission Member request being sent to the Mayor's Office for approval. Under the discretion of the Mayor can new members can be added.

*The Boston Classic is unable to move forward with their event at Dilboy Stadium on 6/6/15 due to funding restraints.

*Jill has sent all the Recreation Commission By-Laws to the Law Department for review before the Commission can discuss what By-laws need to be re-written and which ones are no longer needed.

*Willie Medeiros is concerned as to why the By-Laws are being reviewed by the Law Office and insists that the Mayor's office as well as the Law Office have nothing to do with the By-Laws of the Commission. Jill's decision to send them to the Law Department is moving forward. Jill explained to Willie that the Law office role is to provide guidance and ensure that the listed ordinances are up to date before the commission's review process.

*Willie Medeiros suggests that we use Dilboy Stadium Scoreboard as an advertising tool to generate revenue.

*Recreation intends to employ 70-75 youth this Summer for Summer Employment.

*Natalie Vieira inquired about the use of Argenziano Field and whether or not the gates have specific times in which the neighboring houses can use the field. Jill will follow up.