

Recreation Director Report January 10 – February 21, 2018

Attended Softball league organization meeting 14 January. First of 3 mandatory coaches' meetings to be held March 18th in Frelinghuysen, NJ. Practice will begin first week of April. April 21st first games scheduled to begin. Season over 4 June. Allstar Game to be held at Washington Boro Park on Sunday June 10th. Two games 5PM and 7PM. Next league meeting February 25 in Hope NJ. Need number of teams we will be fielding and at what level for the meeting. Borough sign-ups continue until February 24th with possible extension of time to sign-up.

Met with Borough Manager, and DPW to discuss ways DPW will assist Recreation at the Park, Pool, Railroad Ave and VARA/Steinhart this year. A generous Agenda was established for their assistance for this year. Will provide agenda under separate cover.

Met with Kiwanis Club on January 30th at Sports Scene restaurant and provided them with a summary of past years activities and planned activities for this year. Discussed pavilion update and planned Senior Activities for this summer at the park. On February 12th received a phone call from Paul Rose (treasurer) notifying Recreation that Kiwanis was donating \$500.00 and Mr. Rose was matching Kiwanis gift with an additional \$500.00 earmarked for planned pavilion upgrades and planned Senior Citizen Entertainment in the Park activities for this summer.

Met with Patti Smith of the Local Girl Scouts Program to discuss possible Stewardship projects for the park this year. Girl Scouts will assist with this year's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 24th at the park Grandstand area by stuffing eggs (candy and prizes) and assisting with organizational activities at the park the day of the Hunt. We also discussed other possible stewardship projects at the park over the course of the year.

Met with Phillipsburg's Recreation Director Kelly Post Sheedy (February 1st) to share ideas and brainstorm on possible ways to reduce costs for our municipalities recreation programs. Agreed to investigate the possibility of a joint Lifeguard recertification and certification program for this year. She will be checking into the availability of Phillipsburg's indoor pool for the class.

On Feb 2nd along with the Borough Manager and other Borough Department heads met with representatives from Statewide Edge loss control and risk management services for annual safety meeting. Per request of Recreation Commission, they will be able to present program on Bullying and Harassment training to the commission.

Last Week DPW trimmed the Hedge bordering the entire length of Lower Park Drive from the Pavilion to Route 31 to approximately 4 feet high clearing all debris and removing unwanted trees growing in hedge.

Workman TORO and field groomer delivered to Park on Wednesday 14th February.

On February 15th attended NJRPA District V11 meeting at Camp Jefferson (Lake Hopatcong). Program presented on developing programs for active adults and Senior Interest Groups.

Attended Washington Sharks Organizational Meeting on February 15th. They would like to start swim team practice week of June 1st.