

RED BANK PARKS & RECREATION
MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2023
BOROUGH HALL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Sestito, John LeFever, Adrienne Bilal, Alberto Garcia, Simmee Crystian, Juanita Lewis Oscar Salinas, John Jackson, Jacqueline Sturdvant

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

No minutes available from 12/13/2022 meeting to be approved.

New Business was moved to the top of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eastside Park Tennis Court Project

Oscar Salinas explained details of project – 2 tennis courts that can be used as 4 pickleball courts with 2 sets of lines.

Resident Greg Dolan (frequent user) weighed in on how Little silver and Fair Haven courts were set up and his experience how they are run. Suggests an application for reservations of Tennis courts.

Member Adrienne Bilal questions lineage of courts.

Alberto Garcia suggests signage of one hour usage.

Simmee Crystian addresses possibility of charging for out-of-town users.

Resident Bill Brooks (Shady Tree Commission) questions Green Acres. He also reminds committee that some of the trees that line Mechanic Street are Memorial trees while others were donated and were very expensive. Mr. Brooks asked P&R Liaison Councilman John Jackson if he could reach out to project engineer to make sure trees are preserved. He also warned committee of grading by basketball courts and the sand problem it causes.

After a long discussion and no more comments or suggestion John LeFever calls for a vote, Adrienne Bilal seconds it, to recommend to the Council to accept the plans for the Eastside Park tennis Court Project with the suggestions that we made.

The vote passes unanimously.

2. Marine Park Green Space/Parking Lot Project

Borough entered into a Contract with Kimberly Horn in 2019. Provided several concept plans and adopted by council.

Will loss \$18,000 if surface not approved by May.

Administration wants to build a parking lot and hope they can find funding to do the grass space project.

They had 5 years to work on finding funding for green space, some committee members leery that 2nd part of project will get completed.

After much discussion back and forth the committee has asked the Liaison John Jackson to get us information about grants for green space.

No action or recommendations to Council were taken on this item.

3. Senior center ROSI

Committee votes unanimously to recommends to Council to put Senior Center on ROSI.

EVENTS

1. Spring Egg Hunt – March 26th at 11am, Count Basie Fields. Rain date: April 2nd, Volunteers needed and always welcome.

2. Pride in the Park – Event date not available at meeting. Bacon of Life award to be presented. The recipient will be chosen by Parks and Recreation RA Committee from nominations that have been submitted.

3. Juneteenth Jubilee – Scheduled for June 18th at Johnny Jazz Park. Committee forming now. Oscar is putting out a flyer for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Winter Sports Update - Basketball numbers 50% RB – 50% out of towners. Indoor soccer – 150 kids signed up - 90% of them are Red Bank kids.
2. Cameras in Park – Cameras installed at Riverside Park. Committee would like to see cameras in all parks.
3. Park Clean up - Work release program – Oscar tells committee he spoke with Darren this will be looked into.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Remind committee of election for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary at February meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:31 pm. Next meeting February 28, 2023, 7 pm in the Courtroom at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Sestito