

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 14, 2007

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Effie Morgan, Joe Spagnola, Herb Henry, Sam Hunter, Kelly Shaw, Jimmy Ridgeway, Leo Marquez, Kim Gauntt, Melissa Hemple and Carl Hemple Sr.

Chairman Carl Hemple Sr. called the meeting to order.

Sam Hunter blessed the meeting.

Flag Salute.

Minutes from April meeting were approved as written.

Cumberland Soccer Board of Directors attended the meeting.

Ramone Hernandez made a presentation on behalf of the Cumberland Soccer League to continue working together, and to finish proposal by Ed Overdevest. This will benefit the youth in this community. Would like to have a Recreation League of 10 teams, ages 7-9 years and 12-13 years. They will play Saturday evenings. The Cumberland Soccer League will use the All Purpose fields on Tues & Thurs evening for games also.

Field Safety reports will be turned in weekly from Cumberland Soccer League.

Babe Ruth League will use the All Purpose field on Mon & Wed evening for practice.

Merced – President of the Bridgeton Soccer League. Has been to 3 Recreation Meetings trying to get a soccer field.

Chairman Carl Hemple Sr. expressed that we have done all we can do. We have no fields available for use. We went to the BOE for fields, we were told they have no fields available. Councilman Spence went and looked for space at Quarter Mile Lane and Buckshutem schools. We have space at the Mill Street location, but it is not big enough. The Recreation Area has no fields available.

Leo Marquez reported that Dr. Vic Gilson of the Board of Education said they could use Indian Avenue School property, if the Recreation Department sent a letter on their behalf.

The Recreation Department stated that they were told by the BOE that the Indian Avenue School property could not be used.

Leo Marquez left the meeting and did not return.

REPORTS

Dulce – The Cumberland Soccer League has 21 teams and will be using both fields. Everything is in order and all fees are paid. Opening Day was May 6th.

Sam – Babe Ruth League has 52 players, they need approximately 10 more players. Has had 18 weeks of sign-ups. Season could run until middle of July. Thanks to Dulce for everything she has done to help get players. Would like to have 2 people come out to learn the ropes of Babe Ruth League and could in time replace Sam & Charlie Hudnall.

Kelly – The Kids Fest at the Cohanzick Zoo was a great success. Had over 2,700 in attendance. Lindsay Reed did a fantastic job organizing this event. Theme for this years' Fright Night will be "Carnival of Horror".

Joe – Memorial Day Services will be Monday May 28th @ 11 am @ the Broad Street Cemetery. They need platform put up.

Directors Report by Melissa Hemple:

Memorial Day Parade will start @ 10:00 am.

Volunteers are need for Music Festival on Saturday June 16th.

Summer employees needed.

An application was handed out for Sportsmans' Corner Nominations.

A rally to protest sex offenders from coming to South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton will be held Saturday May 19th @ 11 a.m. across the street from prison.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sam – Would like to have a game between the AC Surf and the Camden Riversharks come back to play at Alden Field next year, like they have in previous years.
Sam made a motion to have a "Harold Gould Day", Jimmy 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Chairman Carl Hemple – We will be having June elections. Anyone interested in running please let him know. I am concerned about attendance at Recreation Committee meetings and events.

George Weist has missed 4 Recreation Committee meetings, Little League has tried to contact him because he is liason to Little League and they cannot reach him.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY JUNE 11, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.