

Central Carroll Recreation Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10 September 2013
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Mechanicsville Elementary School

Attendees:

Robert Freter	President	
Sheldon Topolsky	Vice President	
Lona Greensfelder	Treasurer	
Jim Lane	Secretary	A
Steve Krouse	Community Coordinator	
John Fitzgerald	Member At Large & Gamber Football Program Rep	
Chris Johnson	Member At Large & Gamber Lacrosse Program Rep	
Kevin Stewart	Member At Large & Gamber Lacrosse Program Rep	
Eric Mersinger	Member At Large & Gamber Travel Basketball Program Rep	
Dave Roth	Member At Large & Central Carroll Soccer Program Rep	
Loren Lustig	Dept. Recreation & Parks – Recreation Coordinator	A
Jeff Degitz	Dept. Recreation & Parks	
Tracey Rohrbach	Check-Hers Lacrosse	
Carolyn Hammett	Crusader Football/Cheerleading	
Bill Warburton	Central Carroll Soccer Club	

A: denotes absent

Agenda:

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Introduction of Attendees
3. Review & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Community Coordinator's Report
6. Carroll County Department of Recreation Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Program Reports
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Open Forum (Comments, Questions & Concerns)
12. Announcement of the next Meeting
13. Adjournment

Meeting Notes:

Meeting Called to Order / Introduction of Attendees:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. **Review & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Action Items:** Minutes from 8/13/13 Meeting were approved. Approved minutes will be sent to Ron Seibel for posting to the website.
4. **President's Report:**
 - **Self Help Projects:** Project proposals were sent to the County. Presentation before the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board is scheduled for September 25. Projects submitted are:
Deer Park Fence - \$3460.35
Topsoil and Seed - \$5390.00 for a variety of fields
Soccer Goals - \$5172.52 soccer club will pay Council share if approved.

- **Vandalism:** Sandymount lower shed was recently broken into.
- **Last year's Self Help Projects:** The new roof at Deer Park will be done this coming week. The dirt delivered to Sandymount Field 2 has been moved to Field 1 by the County. No one knew the status of the Softball programs self help project so Lona will email Dave Tartaglia asking him to get the status.
UPDATE: The roof at Deer Park Main field house is completed. The soffit, fascia and gutters are also complete on the smaller shed used for Football storage.

5. **Community Coordinator's Report:** Steve reported there were errors on the Flyer sent out to the schools so he will get the correct information for the affected programs posted to the website. Aleta Held is looking at Gerstell School for potential space for her dance program. Steve advised her to ask if they will charge for use of the space. Several of the programs using indoor school space are just starting their classes.

6. **Carroll County Department of Recreation Report:** Jeff Degitz provided the following update:

Self Help presentations are September 25 and we need to be there to present our requests. Volunteer of the Year program will be held at the Carroll Arts Center this year.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Lona passed out copies of the report and reviewed with the attendees. Additional copies are available upon request.

8. **Program Reports:**

- **Adult Fitness:** Program rep not present
- **Adult Volleyball-drop in @ Sandymount:** Program started & they have some new players - Steve Krouse reported
- **Arnis Tae Kwon Do at Mechanicsville:** Program rep not present
- **Arts & Crafts:** Per Lona - registrations coming in. Class starts in October
- **Basketball:** Off season.
- **Basketball Travel:** Travel try outs start this month.
- **Central Carroll Soccer Club:** All good
- **Check Hers Lacrosse:** All good.
- **Field Hockey:** Program rep not present
- **Finksburg Baseball:** Program rep not present
- **Finksburg Lady Lions Softball:** Program Rep not present
- **Football/Cheerleading-Gamber Optimist:** All good
- **Karate at Sandymount:** Had their first class outdoors due to school closing.
- **Lacrosse - Gamber Optimist:** Off season
- **Soccer In-house:** All good.
- **Zumba Fitness:** Lona received one registration & will email Helen

9. **Old Business:**

- **Community College Field:** Question from previous meeting about possibility of using the space behind the college visible from Route 97. Robert contacted the College and they said the area has drain vents and is not suitable for usage..
- **Concussion Awareness:** The following link was passed in the agenda:
<http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion/>. Council still needs to evaluate for web posting.
- **Dick's Sporting Goods sponsorship:** Robert contacted them regarding sponsorship for the soccer program but they said they are not taking any new sponsorship at this time. Basketball is currently sponsored and per Chris, they get 2 basketballs and 1 bag for each coach. They also have a designated basketball" day at the store where families get 25% off their purchases of basketball items. They re-apply each season for the sponsorship.
- **Leasing of Field Space:** A Carroll County Times article highlighted this topic and Bill Warburton received a couple of leads but none that met our needs at this time. Cascade Lake has space for lease but it needs leveling and is quite a bit out of our target area. He believes Spring field space will be especially tight and both soccer and lacrosse playing the less daylight hours to use unlit fields.

10. New Business:

- **Scholarship Criteria:** When Sandymount and Deer Park Councils merged, we continued Sandymount’s tradition of granting college scholarships to high school seniors that participated in Council programs. Lona suggested the Council form a committee to update the specific criteria for the scholarships. It was decided since we don’t have a scheduled November meeting, we will have a meeting at Mechanicsville on November 12th at 7pm with the Executive Board and any interested parties to discuss scholarship criteria.
- **Q&A with Jeff Degitz:** Jeff gave an overview of the Capital Budget process used to purchase land and develop new recreational space in the County. A source of Capital Budget revenue is ½ of 1% tax on sold homes in the County. In less than 15 years we have received slightly less than 15 million dollars, one year receiving \$3.6 million and another year receiving only \$166,000. Four of the last six years Carroll has received the lowest amount because when the economy is bad the amount received is usually low. Once the money comes into the Carroll 25% is taken off the top for Town projects.

In addition to the Capital Budget process the Park Legacy Fund allows individuals to donate money or property to the County for park use. Jeff has expressed to the County that there is a need in the Sandymount/Finksburg area for additional field space.

Jeff also explained the Use of Field Space Process which gives the Dept. of Recreation and Parks sponsored programs priority and then Private Groups. Attendees questioned the use of fields by tournaments coming into the area and Jeff explained these are events sponsored by the Department. This year decisions were made late and our field permits didn’t blackout the dates which caused problems for our sponsored sports so hopefully those dates will be blacked out on next year’s permits. These events bring money into the County.

11. Open Forum (Comments, Questions & Concerns): Nothing significant to report.

12. Action Items, Next Meeting Announcement and Meeting Adjournment:

Action Items:

Action Item	Who	Completed ?
Develop a Maintenance “To Do” List for facilities	Robert/Council	
Develop Self Help Project Submission Process	Robert/Council	
Develop a facility/field survey	Sheldon/Council	
Set-up concussion presentation to Council?	Steve Krouse	
Post concussion self-training to the website?	Robert Freter	
Status of Softball self help project?	Dave Tartaglia	

Next Meeting: 8 October 2013
Location: Mechanicsville Elementary
Time: 7:00 p.m.