

# Recreation Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

## Overview

In attendance:

√	Chris Tarver		Ray Dodd		Tom Allen
	Steve Novak	√	Van Dickerson		Angelo Costello
		√	Kimberly Carter		Jim Thomas
		√	Doug Spontak	√	Elizabeth Brumbaugh
	Paolo Lorenzi (part-time)	√	Dane Merchant	√	Mark Tighe

Everett Merrill has stepped down from REC. Mark Tighe was sworn in as a new (and returning) member by Mayor Giordano. Mark's contact information needs to be added to the REC contact sheet:

Mark C. Tighe

H: 908 755 3051; C: 908 331 2244

258 Cedar Street | N. Plainfield NJ 07060

Email: markctighe@gmail.com

Meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:01 pm.

Next meeting: Scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day) – will need to be rescheduled

Date Meeting Minutes distributed: March 13th, 2009

Distributed to:

All recreation members and carbon copy to Municipal Clerk (Richard Phoenix, RMC)

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Merchd1@aol.com; tireswing7@verizon.net; each8@msn.com; markctighe@gmail.com

cc: rphoenix@npsmail.org

Additional documentation handed out at meeting are:

1. C. Tarver's Report and S. Novak's Report (2009-02-17\_Reports\_Tarver\_Novak.pdf)

2. Tee Ball / Softball / Baseball registration form\* (BaseballRegistrationform.pdf)

3. NP Recreation 2009 Overview of Events (2009ActivitiesSchedule.pdf)

\*space for email needs to be added to ALL Registration forms

Corrections to last month (January) Minutes:

Chairpersons are as follows:

Chair: Ray Dodd voted to keep position

Vice Chair: Van Dickerson voted to keep position

Secretary: Kimberly Carter voted in to replace Paolo Lorenzi

With the above corrections, Dane approved the January Minutes. Mark Tighe seconded the motion.

### **Statement of Compliance:**

This meeting is held in compliance with NJSA 10<sup>n</sup>4-ET seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspaper of the borough, the Courier News, on or about **February 1<sup>st</sup>** and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building reserved for such purpose.

### **Open Session**

The following seven people attended the Open Session to request that the REC Summer Camp be expanded so that more families in N. Plainfield can utilize the summer program:

Jackie McDuffie, Derek Haley, Monique Womack, Marie Draben, Lisa O'Neal, Yvette Ford, and Michelle Brown

Note: A separate document was created with each person's contact information (*REC Meeting Attendees for Open Session.doc*)

It was decided that REC would create and distribute a survey to find out how much interest there is in town for an all-day camp and if parents were willing to pay a significant increase for extended hours in addition to the current program.

#### Next Steps:

1. REC to confirm that they will have use of facilities so that children can stay for lunch and participate even when it rains. Need update from R. Dodd to set-up meeting with Marilyn Burnbaum.
2. REC to create survey.
3. Yvette Holding to arrange with E. End PTA to have REC Director, Chris Tarver speak at the next PTA meeting at E. End School.
4. Distribute survey. REC will have assistance from parents listed above to send out already existing email lists used for other activities, including PTA Email lists.

Derek Haley also asked if REC has plans to expand what programs are offered. Specific interest was raised for Lacrosse.

## **Closed Session**

### **Director's Report**

See separate pdf attachment titled *2009-02-17\_Reports\_Tarver\_Novak.pdf*

Topics discussed in report are: Overview of each sport and/or event including Supervisor(s), Date Started, Ongoing, Completion Date, Fee, # of Participants, etc.

Modification to C. Tarver's Monthly Stauts handout:

Change from Wrestling is "Co-run with Middlesex Rec " to "Co-run with Dunellen Rec" on excel

Steve's Report: \$196 will be increased once we do baseball registration.

### **Update to Old Business**

1. Mound will be fixed before the season starts (clay).
2. Price came in for the fence: dirt and seed
3. Price to put in electricity for a line from the pole per PSE&G will cost about \$2200. Electricity is needed for events, such as Movie Night, etc.
4. Also need to run electricity from blue room to outside for the tree lighting. Need cost.
5. Concert in the Park: REC is talking with David Cedeno (The Kid from Jersey) to perform.
6. Investigating in permanent Shade Systems for the playgrounds

### **New Business**

1. Grill at Green Acres is being repaired (per S. Novak)
2. Pitch Hit and Run (Like Punt Pass and Kick) Official Skills Competition of MLB To be part of Opening Day Event

- All ages are off the tee.
- Kit materials are for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. (Separate activities will be available for younger grades – see below.)
- WE NEED BIRTHDATES FOR THE KIDS BECAUSE THE GROUPS ARE BASED ON THEIR BIRTHDATE. Need to also capture email addresses.
- Kit includes a checklist of items that we need for the day of event (including but not all inclusive):

5 administrators, Registration tables, 250 ft. tape measurer, 6 baseballs, 6 flags/beanbags, digital stop watch, strike zone target (to be provided), score sheets, ETC.

- Note: If you join the Association then the event is free (Chris is already a member).
- Suggestions for younger grades: A blow-up (ball that levitates); obstacle course.
- Suggestion: Use walkie talkies and call in the scores to someone with a laptop. Do a trial run to make sure that that the process works.
- Score Keeping: If a child qualifies in N. Plainfield and has a top score compared to other towns then they go on to the next round (on another day).

**Motion accepted by all to order the rest of the materials for the Pitch Hit and Run packet.**

**Topics to discuss at next meeting (including upcoming sports)**

Summer Camp  
Fishing Derby  
Track & Field Event

[ End of Report ]

# Recreation Meeting Date: March 16, 2009 (Monday)

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		√	Kimberly Carter	√	Jim Thomas
		*	Doug Spontak	√	Elizabeth Brumbaugh
	Paolo Lorenzi (part-time)	√	Dane Merchant		Mark Tighe

√ Present

\*Partial Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Next meeting: Scheduled for April 21st

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Additional documentation handed out at meeting are:

1. List of Residents interested in Extended Summer Camp
2. Director's Report
3. Field Usage forms
4. Code of Conduct forms (parent, coach, player)
5. Referee Salary Guidelines
6. All Sports Camp flyer
7. Video Game Creation flyer

Corrections to last month (February) Minutes: NONE

## Statement of Compliance:

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## Open Session

The following people attended the Open Session to get an update on their request that the REC Summer Playgrounds be expanded so that more families in N. Plainfield can utilize the summer program: Jackie McDuffie, Derek Haley, Joanne Adams, Joanne Pierre, Michelle Strong, Susan Cannady, Catherine Okali, Alexis Garder, Lisa O'Neil

The Recreation Summer Camp online survey was completed. A paper copy of the Survey was distributed to REC Commissioners and guests. Jackie McDuffie provided a beginning list of parents interested in full-day summer camp, including name, street address and email address which consisted of 17 families. An email with a link to the online Survey will be sent out to various groups, including the one provided by J. McDuffie, this week. Decision was made by all present to create a deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup> for all surveys to be completed. Results will be tallied shortly thereafter and submitted to the Commission. Purpose of survey is to establish the needs of the community in 2009 and provide assistance in redefining a Summer Camp solution for all, if changes are necessary. Attendees typically pay \$200+/month per child so they are willing to pay for an all-day program run by the town. If anyone needs a printable copy, they can request it. If we get a lot, then we will need help to tally the results.

Next Steps	Distribute survey to a good representation of the community. Evaluate needs based on survey results. Try to implement a change for 2009 and further improvements for 2010.	
Action	Email link to survey to various groups. Email lists already compiled are: List from Open Session (approx. 20 families), PTA/PTO lists from E. End, W. End, Stonybrook, Somerset, Middle and NPHS schools, REC 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Soccer Email list. List should also be communicated through town website, REC website, and school websites.	<b>K. Carter</b>
Action	Meet with Marilyn Birnbaum of BOE to discuss building usage of schools during summer.	<b>R. Dodd</b>
Action	Meet with Joan Long to discuss building usage of Community Center.	
Action	Discuss extension with current summer staff (Robyn S) and their interest if program changes, things they would do, etc.	<b>S. Novak</b>

## Closed Session

### Director's Report

All documents mentioned below are attached in email in pdf form

Chris Tarver, Director, shared the following items with the Commission:

1. Mission Statement. Requested that the Commission come up with a Mission Statement that represents Parks and Recreation.

Next Steps	Consolidate suggestions into 1 mission statement, approve, and implement	
Action	All REC Members, present and absent need to provide input.	<b>All Commissioners</b>

2. Field Usage forms (see attachment). REC will be adopting these forms for anyone interested in obtaining a reservation for a park, field, or gym under the jurisdiction of Parks & Recreation so that we can refine our scheduling process and fees, thus reducing/eliminating any instances of over-booking or overuse of certain fields. Rules need to be defined, posted, and included in reservation form. Some rules include: REC reserves the right to cancel usage of a field due to weather before an activity starts. However, if a game is in progress and it starts to rain, the decision to resume or end play is in the hands of the official. When a field is not reserved, it is available for teams to practice on a "first come, first serve" basis. Standard fees were decided upon in a previous meeting.

Next Steps	Commission to determine a policy for how field approval takes place, including deposits for some reservations to cover costs like excess trash pick-up for Public Works, custodial fees, etc.	
Action	Implement changes to current process	<b>C. Tarver</b>
	Provide fee information from previous meeting minutes.	<b>R. Dodd</b>

3. Code of Conduct (attachments) – Chris shared 3 new Code of Conduct forms for Athletes, Coaches, and Parents. Commission reviewed all 3 documents. Van Dickerson motioned to approve "as per the attorney's recommendation". Elizabeth Brumbaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Steps	Once reviewed and approved by attorney, we can implement it as an ordinance that <b>if a player, parent, or coach cannot participate in any games until the Code of Conduct form is signed.</b>	
Action	Review with attorney.	<b>C. Tarver</b>
	Recreation is adopting these 3 new forms for teeball/softball/baseball season. Coordinators and Coaches will receive the forms for their players when they pick-up their team's uniforms.	<b>C. Tarver &amp; Who hands out uniforms?</b>

4. Rutgers Safety Course – Commission already voted and approved this in previous meeting. Previous decision was to cover the cost for the participants but needed to determine where the \$\$ was coming from to pay for cost. Chris will teach the course at no cost, but the \$25 is needed for materials.

Next Steps	Determine date to offer course. REC needs to create a list of potential attendees (this will be mandatory for Coordinators). When we increased the cost of some of the sports, we decided that this would be one of the benefactors of the additional funds.	
Action	Determine source of funding for this.	<b>C. Tarver</b>

5. CPR will be offered one night for Coordinators of all sports (approximately 10 people) to include: Hawke, James, Joe, Gallagher, Chez, Tunis, Dane, Kimberly, Danny
6. Green Acres – discussed possible solutions for basketball courts at Green Acres that need repair. Chris shared a possible solution that would be provided by a company called Snap Court, which snaps pieces together on top of the existing court. Water does not hurt the material and you can brush the water off with a broom/squeegee if it rains. Comes with warranty. This solution would be more cost effective than resurfacing the existing courts. For more information, go to <http://snapsports.com>

Next Steps	None, until further research takes place.	
Action	Some commissioners will visit other sites that already have this product installed (ex: Marlboro) to review the feasibility of using it in N. Plainfield.	<b>Available Commissioners</b>
	Obtain price to use this product and bring to April meeting.	<b>C. Tarver</b>

7. Playground Certification – Playground Inspector will give us a price to have our playgrounds certified. The playgrounds under REC's jurisdiction are Green Acres and Vermeule. Having this service performed will prevent N. Plainfield from being sued.

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Slide at Vermeule – Rich Phoenix to follow-up with Chris Tarver so that we can get this fixed. Public Works is questioned why this hasn't been fixed on a regular basis.

8. Spring 2009 Events – REC has planned the following Spring Special Events this year.

- NETS Basketball game (flyer was attached to last month's minutes). This event will still take place. \$73/person. Price includes charter bus transportation, ticket, and reversible NETS jersey.
- Phillies v. Mets – May 1<sup>st</sup> includes bus, ticket, \$63/person

9. Summer 2009 Events – REC is planning several Summer Special Events this year.

- All Sports Camp to be run Aug 24-28<sup>th</sup> - see flyer
- Concert in the Park – Estimated cost for concert is \$2200 – 2500
- Summer Movie – (this will probably take place after the Baseball Awards Picnic) – Estimated cost is \$1200-1500. Ideas were discussed how to cover the cost. Possibilities included charging EVERYONE over the age of 5, \$1 for hotdog, soda, and movie. This topic needs additional conversation before we make a decision. Committee will decide and report their decision at the next meeting. Need to confirm with NP Youth Sports Association that they will still pay for the hot dogs again. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate for Electricity was \$1800 – cannot have a movie if we don't have this done. Flag Pole near Vermeule has to be done by November.

Next Steps	Schedule Electrician to put in electrical at Stony Brook field and on/near flag pole at Vermeule.	
	Obtain bid from 3 <sup>rd</sup> electrician.	<b>E. Brumbaugh</b>
Action	Choose Electrician from 3 bids.	<b>A. Costello, C. Tarver,</b>
Decision Made	TBA	

10. Team/Individual Sports Pictures. Sportsography mails the finished photos to the player's home which makes it easier for REC. Commission approved using this company for pictures – all were in favor.

Decision Made	REC Commission decided to use same photographer for Baseball/Softball/Teeball pictures. We will use Sportsography for Fall Youth Soccer and Winter Hoops.
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11. Stony Brook Field. Cost came in to retro-fix the fences at Stony Brook field for \$985. All were in favor of implementing. Field Clay – infield. Hawk wants to use the plastic mound because with Dunellen and others playing on the field it will probably get ruined. We will use portabe mound this season as a trial and fix the field in the summer. If

Coordinator wants to use the portable mound then it needs to be covered every night. Doug Spontak commented that the field needs to have the dirt path from home place and the lip on portable mound filled. Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> base is lower than it should be. Recommendation to get X 80 lb. bags to mix and one palate of turf face (approx. \$600+) and clay. Van to follow-up with getting a price on palate of clay for this season. Right now it collects water on 3<sup>rd</sup> place and outfield. Must be fixed in the fall. Best time to fix this is the last day that they play in the summer.

Next Steps	Need to encumber no more than \$2500 for mound and in-field (clay bricks, etc.) in June/July to begin work on improvements to the field after the last day of travel baseball is played in the summer (last week in July).	
Action	Doug made motion to encumber no more than \$700 for dirt etc. to make field playable for Spring 2009.	
Decision Made	<p><b>REC will make decision and implement decision. Mandatory attendance at the APRIL meeting is necessary in order to influence the decision on the outcome of this field. Only those present will vote.</b></p> <p><b>Based on decision, timeline will be created in order to implement the necessary changes to make this field playable for those intended to use it.</b></p>	

#### 12. Video Game Creation.

Next Steps	Communicate this event.	
Action	Distribute flyer. Announce on website and send announcement via email list.	<b>C. Tarver</b> <b>K. Carter</b>

13. Referee Salary Guidelines (attachment). Wrestling Referee should be \$60/match (must be a certified ref) – only have to pay for home matches and there are only 4-5 of those. Umpire for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade – range of \$8-12/game.

#### 14. Opening Day. Schedule is as follows:

9:00 – Opening Day Committee and other Volunteers meet at Vermeule

9:30 – Players meet at Vermeule, find their coach and organize their group; REC to distribute flags etc. for players

10:00 – Parade starts. Parade route: Clinton to light, left on Greenbrook Rd., and march to West End School

The Commission voted in the February meeting to pursue implementing the Pitch, Hit and Run program was voted on in the last meeting. It consists of: 3-4 stations: 1-2 pitching, 1 hitting and 1 running. Need 6 people (2 per station) plus what we are doing for the younger kids.

Next Steps	Opening Day Committee will determine locations for the different stations that are geared towards 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Additional activities need to be determined for the younger kids (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> ).	
Action	Need to contact NPHS Band Director to see if they can march in parade.	<b>K. Carter</b>
	Make 300 copies to provide them to the coaches so they can hand out	<b>J. Thomas</b>
	Get cost for a blow-up obstacle course.	<b>C. Tarver</b>
	Make arrangements with Fire Dept. to participate in parade.	<b>A. Costello</b>
	Secure necessary supplies (see separate list) for Pitch, Hit and Run event.	<b>V. Dickerson</b>
Decisions Made	Hot dogs just for the players.	
	Kids can bring their own bats – let Coaches know so that they can communicate to their players.	

Supplies needed for Pitch, Hit and Run events:

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|---|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bats for ea. station | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseballs/Softballs | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Tees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Etc.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Etc.                | <input type="checkbox"/> Etc.   |

15. Track and Field Event. The tentative date for the 2009 season is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Commission recommended that we cook at this event and sell food. Need to determine who would be able to do this since we need a lot of volunteers to run the events.

Next Steps	Need to create project list of all tasks to be completed. (K. Carter)	
Action	Complete necessary paperwork to secure Lower Krausche field.	<b>C. Tarver</b>
	Contact Deanne D'Armiento to discuss her availability for this date and obtaining the necessary equipment for the day.	<b>K. Carter</b>
	Create flyer and determine who will distribute to schools.	<b>K. Carter</b>
	Review leftover ribbons and awards and determine how many we need to order.	<b>K. Carter</b>
	Reach out to list of volunteers collected from last year's event.	
	Secure First Aid and alert police of event.	

Decisions Made	Registration will take place the night before the Meet, which will be Friday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at Vermeule REC Center. Participants will receive their number/pins, rules, participation ribbon, etc.	<b>Commission</b>
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**New Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys clinic is running for the first time this year at NPHS. It is successful so far.

Kimberly Carter requested keys for the equipment boxes. Last season, there were 3 dates when the coordinator did not open the boxes at W. End and was nowhere to be found. For W. End, keys should be delivered to 1-Elizabeth Brumbaugh and 2-Kim Carter, since their kids play at W. End on Sat. mornings. Do we have back-ups for the other fields. Kim Carter can be back-up for E. End since she already has keys for that box.

Action	Make extra sets of keys for Commissioners who are at the sites.	<b>A. Costello</b>
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Motion to dismiss: 9:36 pm

**Topics to discuss at next meeting (including upcoming sports)**

- Summer Camp
- Fishing Derby
- Track & Field Event
- Plan for Stony Brook field

[ End of Report ]

## Recreation Meeting Date: May 19, 2009

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cc: rphoenix@npmail.org

Additional documentation handed out at meeting were:

1. Director's Report
2. Article on Culpable Coaching

Corrections to last month (March) Minutes: None

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### Open Session

No-one present.

## **Closed Session**

### **Director's Report**

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Chris Tarver, Director, shared the following items with the Commission:

*See Director's Report document*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Summer Playgrounds Camp**

Received approval to use the Senior Center at Vermeule. Ray and Chris to meet with the Board of Ed to determine which school site we can use for 9-3 – East End or West End.

Need to meet with Robin Stayvas to discuss changes in the program.

Approval for **Multi-Sports Camp** to E. End from 9-4 and a week earlier (W. End not available.

Dates will be 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> and at E. End

The cost for the multi-sports camp is \$130. We will need a minimum of 25 kids enrolled.

#### **Stony Brook Field**

Custom Fence put two 4-foot gates in Stony Brook Field; putting on closest to Home Plate. Should be done by July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Extra gate also being added.

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#### **Background Checks**

Volunteer Coaches background checks.

Most up to date list is from End of 2008. Frank Diamore wanted to know who had background checks.

Process: Only background checks that are accepted are:

1-Approval through Recreation; or 2-on the list with Youth Sports.

All coaches and volunteers must complete a background check.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Somerset Patriots game for K-2<sup>nd</sup>** - Flyers will be handed out at end of the season.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> Baseball/Softball Picnic** - current decision is to have the picnic at Vermeule this year, unless we can determine an electrical solution.

We can put \$3K in budget for next year for electrical.

Youth Sports pays for hot dogs.

Rec gives them \$1 per child = \$375

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Dunellen, Middlesex and Green Brook will join us for this parade. REC needs to find a creative way to incorporate the kids from these towns and generate more interest and participation to march with North Plainfield Recreation.

**Dodgers Baseball at Citifield** - date July 7<sup>th</sup> - Chris to provide flyer.

### **Late registration fee.**

\$15 late fee (anything after registration was closed.)

After 2 weeks end of registration, you cannot sign up for any sport.

### **Coordinators**

Question was raised as to who was filling in for Danny Battista while he was on disability.

Answer: Khry Salam

Elizabeth brought up some issues that have occurred during the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls programs. There is no coordinator there so coaches are playing the game differently and the lack of direction is causing problems with rules and scoring.

**Statement was made: No On Deck batters for any age in REC** (due to a lawsuit in past). REC needs to make sure that Coordinators inform Coaches at all levels to adhere to this rule.

### **REC Hotline**

Process for finding out field cancellations via the REC Hotline:

Press 2 on REC Hotline Number for field Cancellations

### **Trophys for the Picnic:**

Baseball and Softball - we will order from D&M Trophies.

### **School Calendar**

Need to provide Dates for the school calendar of REC programs for 2009-2010 seasons.

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### Baseball/softball pictures

Joe Irovando – He is still handling baseball/softball pictures. Schedule is TBD.

Article on coaches – culpable coaching. What REC is supposed to be and what it turns out to be are 2 different things.

### Open Gym Request for Basketball

Request for Open Gym for Basketball by Jaimie Gardner. Commission voted to offer this program in the late spring and during summer if we can get approval from BOE for gym use on a week night (preferably Monday or Wednesday).

### Track Meet –

It was discovered that it can't be June 7<sup>th</sup> due to the TURF ground breaking ceremony that has now been scheduled for that Sunday. Decision was made to pull it off in the afternoon in late September/early October on a Saturday afternoon.

C. Tarver to find out when the boys football team practices on Saturdays in the fall and if there are any other conflicts for the track and surrounding areas. Target date: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

All Star Games – June 7<sup>th</sup> (?) This would be a part of ground breaking ceremony for the Turf Field (Danny Battista is handling this).

Boys 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and Girls 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Games will approximately be at 2-4 and 4:30 – 6:30

Note: Soccer Club to do 20 minute stint on the field.

### Scholarship

Mark Tighe announced the recipients of the Scholarships we will give out at June 3<sup>rd</sup> ceremony (Wed. night). The first recipients of our newly founded scholarship fund will be presented to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

### Wrestling

Wrestling Program has dwindled down considerably in both N. Plainfield and Plainfield. Van requested a vote to allow Plainfield kids to join our program so that the sport can prosper and kids can have the opportunity to spar before meets. Central Jersey has already voted that teams can join.

Van made motion that their wrestling program should merge with us.

Tom Allen seconded the motion. All in favor, aye.

**Vote was unanimous** to allow Plainfield kids to join our program.

[ End of Report ]