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SOUTH PLAINFIELD REC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Cochrane at 7:03 pm.

In attendance were Wendell Born (7:16 pm), Bill Cochrane, Calvin Gross, James Gustafson, Anthony Louise, Jim Olano, and Joe Scrudato (7:06 pm), Sal Severini, and William Tankiewicz.
Absent: Christine Marks

Also in attendance were Councilwoman Christine Faustini, Nicolea Sutor, and Elizabeth Yarus.

MINUTES:

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2025.

Calvin Gross made the motion, seconded by William Tankiewicz. The motion carried.

TRUST REPORT:

Joe Scrudato reviewed the September Recreation bank statement. Beginning Balance: \$235,276.01; Deposits: \$26,625.20; Disbursements: \$4,074.69; Covid Memorial: \$1,180.71, Book Balance: \$257,966.85.

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve the September Trust Report.

James Gustafson made the motion, seconded by William Tankiewicz. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION: No one from the public attended the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Catalog Statistics Report - South Plainfield Recreation - Fall 2025			
Program	Registered	Waitlisted	Withdrawn
Youth Soccer - Player: Youth Soccer Rookie (5-6) (SoccRook25)	81	0	1
Youth Soccer - Player: Youth Soccer Juniors (7-9) (SoccJunior25)	125	0	2
Youth Soccer - Player: Youth Soccer Senior (10-13) (SoccSen25)	88	1	0
Multi-Sport: Parent & Me Multi Sport 1.5-2.5 (ParentMeMultiSport1.5Fall25) (CANCELLED)	0	0	0
Multi-Sport: Parent & Me Multi Sport 2-3.5 (ParentMeMultiSport2.9.20AMFall25)	6	0	0
Multi-Sport: Parent & Me Multi Sport 2-3.5 (ParentMeMultiSport210AMFall25) (CANCELLED)	0	0	1

Multi-Sport: Multi Sport Squirts 3-5 (MultiSportSquirts3Fall25)	7	0	2
Multi-Sport: Multi Sport Squirts 4-5.5 (MultiSportSquirts4Fall25) (CANCELLED)	0	0	3
Multi-Sport: Multi Sport Squirts 5-6.5 (MultiSportSquirts5Fall25) (CANCELLED)	0	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (5 years old) (5yrSideCheer25)	12	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (6 years old) (6yrSidelineCheerFall25) (Full)	17	0	1
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (7 years old) (7rSidelineCheerFall25) (Full)	25	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (8 years old) (8yrSidelineCheerFall25) (Full)	15	0	1
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (9 years old) (9yrSidelineCheerFall25)	2	0	1
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (10 years old) (10yrSidelineCheerFall25)	5	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (11 years old & Up)	14	0	1
Jr. Field Hockey: Junior Field Hockey (2nd-4th) (JuniorFieldHockey2nd4thFall25)	7	0	0
Jr. Field Hockey: Junior Field Hockey (5th-6th) (JuniorFieldHockey5th6thFall25)	5	0	0
Buddy Ball: Buddy Ball Soccer - Participant (BuddyBallFall25)	15	0	0
Buddy Ball: Buddy Ball Soccer - Helper (BuddyBallHelperFall25)	10	0	1
Cheerleading - Competition: Competition Cheer (CompCheer2025)	35	0	0
Youth Soccer - Coach: Juniors: Soccer Coach (CoachJrFall24)	18	0	2
Youth Soccer - Coach: Rookie: Soccer Coach (CoachRookFall24)	9	0	0
Youth Soccer - Coach: Senior: Soccer Coach (CoachSrFall24)	8	0	1
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Advanced (TennisAdvFall25)	6	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Intermediate (TennisIntFall25) (Full)	8	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Beginner/Advanced Beginner (TennisBegAdvBegFall25)	5	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Grade 5-7 (TennisGr57Fall25) (Full)	10	1	8
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Grades 8-12 (TennisGr812Fall25) (Full)	10	0	0
STEM - Built by Me: LEGO Robotics and Coding - Amazing Engineers (STEMAmazingFall25)	4	0	0
STEM - Built by Me: The Inventors Club - Fall Edition (STEMInventorsFall25)	8	0	0
Basketball Clinic: Basketball Clinic: Boys (BasketballClinicBoysFall25)	24	0	0
Basketball Clinic: Basketball Clinic: Girls (BasketballClinicGirlsFall25)	17	0	0
Aerobics: Aerobics September-October (AerobicsFall25)	12	0	0

Catalog Statistics Report - South Plainfield Recreation - Winter 25-26

Program	Registered
Fundamental Fives Basketball: Fundamental Fives Basketball (FundFiveBasketball2526)	18
Youth Basketball: Youth Basketball A (12-13) (YouthBasketballA25-26)	22
Youth Basketball: Youth Basketball B (10-11) (YouthBasketballB25-26)	49
Youth Basketball: Youth Basketball C (8-9) (YouthBasketballC25-26)	52
Youth Basketball: Youth Basketball D (6-7) (YouthBasketballD25-26)	40
Travel Basketball Try-Outs: 4th Grade Boys Travel Basketball Try-Out (TravelTryOut4thBoys25-26)	16
Travel Basketball Try-Outs: 5th Grade Boys Travel Basketball Try-Out (TravelTryOut5thBoys25-26)	17
Travel Basketball Try-Outs: 6th Grade Boys Travel Basketball Try-Out (TravelTryOut6thBoys25-26)	24
Travel Basketball Try-Outs: 7th Grade Boys Travel Basketball Try-Out (TravelTryOut7thBoys25-26)	18
Travel Basketball Try-Outs: 8th Grade Boys Travel Basketball Try-Out (TravelTryOut8thBoys25-26)	6
Travel Basketball Try-Outs: Girls Travel Basketball Try-Out (TravelTryOutGirls25-26)	28
Youth Wrestling: Youth Wrestling (Wrestling25-26)	44
Travel Basketball: Travel Basketball 25-26 (TravelBasketball25-26)	2

Turf Field

- During a walk-through by Elizabeth, it was noted that there are 3 “sink holes” on the sideline of the turf field. Elizabeth is getting a quote and information for repair.

Basketball Court and Backboards

- The basketball court and backboards have been repaired and are operating.

Fall Programs

- Buddy Ball Soccer
- Junior Field Hockey
- STEM
- High Energy Exercise
 - The High Energy Exercise Instructor has retired from the Board of Education and is required to separate from employment for some time. The program will resume some time after January.

Winter Programs

- Travel Basketball Try-Outs complete
 - There will be three girls’ teams, which will be split between 4th, 5th, and 8th grade.
 - There will be six boys’ teams, which will be split between 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade. There will be two teams of 6th and 7th-graders.

Resolutions

- **2025-32 (Fall Refunds)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-32.

Calvin Gross made the motion, seconded by Wendell Born. The motion carried.

- **2025-33 (Bereavement Donation)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-33.

Calvin Gross made the motion, seconded by William Tankiewicz. The motion carried.

- **2025-34 (Travel Basketball Enrollment Fee (JBL))**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-34.

Jim Olano made the motion, seconded by Wendell Born. The motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds: Jim Olano reported that the basketball basket, net, and backboard repairs are completed and look great.

The weight room parts were delivered for the machines. The pins will be delivered next week.

During an inspection by maintenance on the turf field, it was reported that there are 3 “sink holes” on the sideline. Elizabeth is getting a quote and information for repair. There are cones over the area where the sinkholes are.

Sports Club Liaison: Wendell Born reported that on April 11th, baseball and softball will have an opening day.

Finance & Budget: Joe Scrudato has nothing to report at this time.

Personnel: Calvin Gross has nothing to report at this time.

Policy: Christine Marks was absent; there is nothing to report at this time.

PAL Liaison: Anthony Louise has nothing to report at this time.

Council Report Christine Faustini: Councilwoman Christine Faustini has nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported that Debbie Boyle is very thankful, happy, and appreciative of the recreation donation for the memorial bench.

The Cappy Award recipient this year will be Christopher Colucci. The Cappy Awards will be on Saturday, November 15th, at 6:30 pm. Elizabeth is in the process of getting quotes for food from Carmen’s and Paulos. The cost per ticket will be \$20.00.

There was a discussion about the criteria for the Cappy Awards. The commission is going to revisit the requirements for next year.

NEW BUSINESS: There was nothing to report under new business at this time.

CLOSING REMARKS:

President Bill Cochrane thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to adjourn.

Wendell Born made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm, seconded by William Tankiewicz. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolea A. Sutor
Recreation Commission Recording Secretary