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SOUTH PLAINFIELD REC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2025

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

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

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 June 10, 2025.

Calvin Gross made the motion, seconded by Christine Marks. The motion carried.

TRUST REPORT:

Joe Scrudato reviewed the June Recreation bank statement. Beginning Balance: \$231,199.56; Deposits: \$20,514.30; Disbursements: \$7,561.08; Covid Memorial: \$1,180.71, Book Balance: \$244,604.87.

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

Jim Olano made the motion, seconded by Christine Marks. The motion carried.

Joe Scrudato reviewed the July Recreation bank statement. Beginning Balance: \$244,604.87; Deposits: \$11,765.30; Disbursements: \$35,402.15; Covid Memorial: \$1,180.71, Book Balance: \$221,849.08.

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

Calvin Gross made the motion, seconded by Christine Marks. The motion carried.

Joe Scrudato reviewed the August Recreation bank statement. Beginning Balance: \$221,849.08; Deposits: \$21,261.35; Disbursements: \$8,158.30; Covid Memorial: \$1,180.71, Book Balance: \$235,276.01.

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

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

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Catalog Statistics Report - South Plainfield Recreation - Summer 2025				
Program	Max	Registered	Waitlisted	Withdrawn
Summer Parks: Week 3 @ Riley (SumPk25-Wk3Riley) (Full)	60	60	6	4
Summer Parks: Week 3 @ Franklin (SumPk25-Wk3Franklin) (Full)	60	60	5	2
Summer Parks: Week 4 @ Kennedy (SumPk25-Wk4Kennedy)	60	59	12	5
Summer Parks: Week 4 @ Riley (SumPk25-Wk4Riley)	61	60	7	4
Summer Parks: Week 4 @ Franklin (SumPk25-Wk4Franklin) (Full)	60	60	12	7
Summer Parks: Week 5 @ Kennedy (SumPk25-Wk5Kennedy) (Full)	60	61	1	8
Summer Parks: Week 5 @ Riley (SumPk25-Wk5Riley) (Full)	60	61	21	6
Summer Parks: Week 5 @ Franklin (SumPk25-Wk5Franklin) (Full)	60	60	19	8
Summer Parks: Week 1 @ Kennedy (SumPk25-Wk1Kennedy) (Full)	61	61	1	1
Summer Parks: Week 1 @ Riley (SumPk25-Wk1Riley)	60	59	1	5
Summer Parks: Week 1 @ Franklin (SumPk25-Wk1Franklin) (Full)	60	60	6	4
Summer Parks: Week 3 @ Roosevelt (SumPk25-WkRoosevelt)	60	30	0	1
Summer Parks: Week 4 @ Roosevelt (SumPk25-Wk4Roosevelt)	60	42	0	1
Summer Parks: Week 1 @ Roosevelt (SumPk25-Wk1Roosevelt)	60	28	0	2
Summer Parks: Week 2 @ Roosevelt (SumPk25-Wk2Roosevelt)	60	42	0	0
Summer Parks: Week 5 @ Roosevelt (SumPk25-Wk5Roosevelt) (Full)	51	51	4	3
Summer Parks: Week 2 @ Kennedy (SumPk25-Wk2Kennedy) (Full)	60	60	8	3
Summer Parks: Week 2 @ Riley (SumPk25-Wk2Riley) (Full)	60	60	10	3
Summer Parks: Week 2 @ Franklin (SumPk25-Wk2Franklin) (Full)	60	60	6	7
Summer Parks: Week 3 @ Kennedy (SumPk25-Wk3Kennedy)	60	58	0	8
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Softball Camp (Sumsoftball25)	50	26	0	1
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Baseball Camp (SumBase25)	50	36	0	1
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Tennis & Pickleball Camp: Ages 7-9	25	24	7	4
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Tennis & Pickleball Camp: Ages 10-14 (Full)	25	26	16	0
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Lacrosse Camp (SumlaxCamp25)	50	18	0	0
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Basketball Camp (6-9yrs) (6-9Sumbballcamp25)	50	39	0	0
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Cheer Camp (5-8yrs) (5-8SumCheerCampSum25)	50	34	0	1
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Cheer Camp (9-14 yrs) (9-14Sum25CheerCamp)	50	24	0	4
Summer Sport Camps: Summer GIRLS Basketball Camp (6-13yrs)	50	32	0	1
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Basketball Camp (10-13 yrs) (Full)	50	50	0	1
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Field Hockey Camp (FieldHockCamp25)	50	23	0	1
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Soccer Camp (SumSocCamp25)	60	54	0	3
Summer Sport Camps: Summer Volleyball Camp (SumVolley25) (Full)	25	26	11	3

Safety Town: Safety Town 8:30AM (SafetyTown8:30AMSum25)	25	18	0	0
Safety Town: Safety Town 10:30AM (SafetyTown10:30AMSum25)	25	19	0	0
Safety Town: Safety Town - Volunteer (SafetyTownVolunteer25)	0	10	0	1
Tennis: Summer Tennis - Advanced (TennisAdvSummer25)	8	6	0	0
Tennis: Summer Tennis - Intermediate (TennisIntSummer25)	8	3	0	0
Tennis: Summer Tennis - Beginner/Advanced Beginner	8	0	0	0
Tennis: Summer Tennis - Grade 5-7 (TennisGr57Summer25)	10	8	0	0
Tennis: Summer Tennis - Grades 8-12 (TennisGr812Summer25)	10	5	0	0
STEM - Built by Me: LEGO Robotics and Coding - Adventures (Full)	10	10	0	0
STEM - Built by Me: LEGO Robotics and Coding with Scratch MIT - On the Go (CANCELLED)	10	0	0	1
Summer Drama Workshop: Summer Drama Cast (SummerDramaCast25)	0	45	0	3
Summer Drama Workshop: Summer Drama Crew/Orchestra (SummerDramaCrew25)	0	17	0	1

Catalog Statistics Report - South Plainfield Recreation - Fall 2025

Program	Max	Registered	Waitlisted	Withdrawn
Multi-Sport: Parent & Me Multi Sport 1.5-2.5 (ParentMeMultiSport1.5Fall25) (CANCELLED)	12	0	0	0
Multi-Sport: Parent & Me Multi Sport 2-3.5 (ParentMeMultiSport2.9.20AMFall25)	12	4	0	0
Multi-Sport: Parent & Me Multi Sport 2-3.5 (ParentMeMultiSport210AMFall25) (CANCELLED)	12	0	0	1
Multi-Sport: Multi Sport Squirts 3-5 (MultiSportSquirts3Fall25)	12	5	0	1
Multi-Sport: Multi Sport Squirts 4-5.5 (MultiSportSquirts4Fall25) (Full)	1	1	0	2
Multi-Sport: Multi Sport Squirts 5-6.5 (MultiSportSquirts5Fall25) (CANCELLED)	12	0	0	0
Youth Soccer - Player: Youth Soccer Rookie (5-6) (SoccRook25)	0	72	3	0
Youth Soccer - Player: Youth Soccer Juniors (7-9) (SoccJunior25)	0	110	0	1
Youth Soccer - Player: Youth Soccer Senior (10-13) (SoccSen25)	0	78	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (5 years old) (5yrSideCheer25)	15	12	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (6 years old) (6yrSidelineCheerFall25) (Full)	15	17	0	1
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (7 years old) (7rSidelineCheerFall25) (Full)	16	25	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (8 years old) (8yrSidelineCheerFall25) (Full)	15	15	0	1
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (9 years old) (9yrSidelineCheerFall25)	15	2	0	1
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (10 years old) (10yrSidelineCheerFall25)	15	5	0	0
Cheerleading - Sideline Skills: Sideline Cheer (11 years old & Up) (11yr+SidelineCheerFall25)	20	14	0	1

Buddy Ball: Buddy Ball Soccer - Participant (BuddyBallFall25)	0	9	0	0
Buddy Ball: Buddy Ball Soccer - Helper (BuddyBallHelperFall25)	0	6	0	0
Cheerleading - Competition: Competition Cheer (CompCheer2025)	0	18	0	0
Jr. Field Hockey: Junior Field Hockey (2nd-4th) (JuniorFieldHockey2nd4thFall25)	0	0	0	0
Jr. Field Hockey: Junior Field Hockey (5th-8th) (JuniorFieldHockey5th8thFall25)	0	0	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Advanced (TennisAdvFall25)	8	4	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Intermediate (TennisIntFall25)	8	4	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Beginner/Advanced Beginner (TennisBegAdvBegFall25)	8	3	0	0
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Grade 5-7 (TennisGr57Fall25)	8	6	6	6
Tennis: Fall Tennis - Grades 8-12 (TennisGr812Fall25) (Full)	9	9	0	0
STEM - Built by Me: LEGO Robotics and Coding - Amazing Engineers (STEMAmazingFall25)	10	3	0	0
STEM - Built by Me: The Inventors Club - Fall Edition (STEMInventorsFall25)	10	3	0	0
Basketball Clinic: Basketball Clinic: Boys (BasketballClinicBoysFall25)	0	21	0	0
Basketball Clinic: Basketball Clinic: Girls (BasketballClinicGirlsFall25)	0	15	0	0
Aerobics: Aerobics September-October (AerobicsFall25)	0	8	0	0

Summer updates

- The summer parks programs were a success. All schools were filled except Roosevelt Elementary.
- There was damage to the Turf Field in the July Storm. There was also flooding in the Recreation building. The carpets were cleaned. Repairs are completed and paid for by the Borough (previous ordinance).

Basketball court update timeline

- The installation will be during the week of 9/15/25. Once it is completed, Glenn Dellasala will do the electricity for it.

Fall Programs

- Basketball Clinics with Travel Coaches
- Buddy Ball Soccer
- Recreation Soccer
 - o 6 Rookies; 8 Juniors; 5 Seniors
 - o The recreation will be partnering with the soccer association and allow us to use their fields while Veteran Park is under remediation.
- Tennis
- Junior Field Hockey

- STEM
- US Sports – Multi Sports
- Aerobics with Carlene

Winter Programs

- Rec & Travel Basketball Timeline Basketball

Trunk or Treat

- Trunk or Treat will be on November 1st at Willow Park. It will be sponsored by the Public Celebration Committee.
- There was a discussion about the purchase of treats and giveaways for the Recreation Trunk.

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve a budget of up to \$2,000 for Elizabeth to purchase treats and goodies for Recreation to participate in this year's Trunk or Treat event.

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

Resolutions

- **2025-24 (Rec Director Reappointment)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-24.

Joe Scrudato made the motion, seconded by Calvin Gross. The motion carried.

- **2025-25 (Summary Summer Refunds)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-25.

Joe Scrudato made the motion, seconded by Christine Marks. The motion carried.

- **2025-26 (Fall Refunds)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-26.

Joe Scrudato made the motion, seconded by Jim Olano. The motion carried.

- **2025-27 (Weight Room Repairs)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-27.

Calvin Gross made the motion, seconded by James Gustafson. The motion carried.

- **2025-28 (Electrical Work for Basketball Backboards)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-28.

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

- **2025-29 (Rec Soccer Refs)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-29.

Christine Marks made the motion, seconded by Calvin Gross. The motion carried.

- **2025-30 (Travel Basketball Fees)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30.

Christine Marks made the motion, seconded by Jim Olano. The motion carried.

- **2025-31 (Bench for Bob Boyle)**

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31.

James Gustafson made the motion, seconded by Wendell Born. The motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds: Jim Olano reported that Veterans Park will be closed due to ongoing remediation efforts. The soccer program will temporarily share a field with the Soccer Association during this period.

The turf field sustained damage during the July storm; it has since been disinfected, impact tested, and repaired.

Maintenance work is needed for the weight room.

Elizabeth shared her goals for the year, which include exploring options for new bleachers or seating in the gym, as well as a new floor for the lobby.

Sports Club Liaison: Wendell reported that the football and cheer programs are working well together this season.

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

Personnel: President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to reappoint Elizabeth Yarus as the Recreation Director for the next three years. President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-24.

Joe Scrudato made the motion, seconded by Calvin Gross. The motion carried.

Policy: Christine Marks has nothing to report at this time.

PAL Liaison: Anthony Louise reported that the Junior Police Department Academy went well in August.

Council Report Christine Faustini: Councilwoman Christine Faustini reported an update about the lights and construction at the sports complex. The field improvements have been completed. However, there are ongoing drainage issues on Baseball Field 3 and in the parking lot. The town will have a landscaper address these concerns.

At Veterans Park, demolition is scheduled to begin next week. The area will be fenced off the following week, and construction and remediation will begin in the third week. This project is expected to last several years. Once completed, the space will remain a public park.

The town has received state funding for further improvements to the pool area:

- The existing basketball courts will be removed.
- One basketball court will be kept, and three pickleball courts will be added behind it.
- A pavilion will also be installed.
- The baby pool will receive a new floor surface.
- The main pool will have liner improvements.
- All upgrades are expected to be completed for the 2026 season.

There was also a discussion about offering pickleball programming outside of the summer season.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported that there have been seven submissions received through the online application for the Cappy Award nominations.

The wrestling mats have been purchased and ordered.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held regarding Debbie Boyle's intent to donate a bench at the PAL in memory of her husband, Bob Boyle, in recognition of his many years of service. The Recreation Department decided to make the donation themselves and authorized up to \$2,500 for Elizabeth to allocate toward the purchase of the bench. President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31.

James Gustafson made the motion, seconded by Wendell Born. The motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding activities held at public parks, specifically Veterans, now that we have stopped issuing permits. There is at least one instance where an event was held, unauthorized. Veterans Park is scheduled to be closed soon due to upcoming remediation work.

CLOSING REMARKS:

President Bill Cochrane welcomed everyone back after summer break and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

President Bill Cochrane called for a motion to adjourn.

Calvin Gross made the motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm, seconded by James Gustafson. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolea A. Sutor

Recreation Commission Recording Secretary