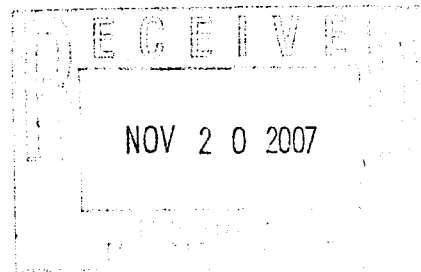


November 19, 2007



Mayor & Council
Borough of North Plainfield
263 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07076

Dear Mayor & Council:

We have submitted the following letter in total support for Steve Novak to become the Director of North Plainfield's Recreation.

We are the supervisors and coordinators of various sporting events and have signed the enclosed letter giving Steve unanimous support.

Keith Getz	Recreation Coordinator
Joe Irovando	Recreation Coordinator
Dan Battista	Recreation Coordinator
James Illmensee	Recreation Coordinator
James Dilts	Recreation Coordinator
Teunis Eversen Jr.	Soccer Supervisor
Tim Gallagher	Soccer/Basketball Supervisor

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We the undersigned fully support Steve Novak as the director of recreation. We have all worked with Steve for many years and know that he is capable of every aspect of carrying out the recreation programs. He not only cares about the sports programs, but playgrounds and parks as well.

Steve is most qualified for this job and deserves it after his many years of service. We want to continue to work with Steve in the future. He is an asset to the Borough of North Plainfield who has served in many capacities including Mayor.

Tom Gullotta

James A. Allamee Rec Coordinator
~~*[Signature]*~~ " "

Tennis Evesley 11/17/09

James L. Dilis Rec Coordinator

Keith [Signature]
Lee Howard

February 1, 2008

To: All members of the North Plainfield Borough Council

Re: Recreation Director position

I would like to start off this letter by making it extremely clear that I speak for myself and not my husband. As a matter of fact, if he knew I was doing this, he would probably choke me. That being said, let me lay my cards on the table.

I am a born and raised NP resident, and when I got married, my husband loved the town and wanted to stay. As a married couple, we have lived in NP for 33 years and have seen the myriad of changes that have taken place. From the illegal 3-4-5-6 family houses to the unkempt properties to the total disregard of our parks and public grounds.

My focus today is on the hiring of an OUT OF TOWNER (part-time to boot) as the new Recreation Director. Are you kidding me? There were numerous qualified candidates that live in town, know our town, and most importantly, care about our town. A man that lives in Jackson NJ does NOT care about what is best for the town of North Plainfield. Since he is already the full time PAID recreation director for Dunellen, where are his priorities going to be? Dunellen or North Plainfield? You know it will be Dunellen. So, that leaves Steve Novak (assistant rec director) to run North Plainfield. Why wasn't the job given to him in the first place? He has been involved in recreation for 25+ years. For Mayor Allen to go out of town, it seems that she thinks no one living in town that applied was qualified. Isn't it about time that positive changes be made? The current decision leaves a lot of the same people in place and, once again, the needs of the community get swept aside and all things will remain status quo.

My husband has been a volunteer coach in numerous arenas and truly cares about the youth of this town. We have one child that has been thru the system and gone for over 10 years, so you know Dennis is not involved because of his child. It is because he cares about all kids. He has coached wrestling for almost 20 years (a non-paid position), he has coached 13-14 year old traveling baseball for about 18 years (non-paid position), he is the current president of North Plainfield Youth Sports (non-paid position) and has been a member of that organization for almost 20 years (non-paid position) and he is the President of Central Jersey Baseball (non-paid position). In addition, his business (D & M Trophies) has donated a substantial amount of money to numerous local organizations. He truly wanted to make a change in the way the current recreation regime has been running.

OK- so I needed to toot his horn, but there were others that were well deserving of that position as well. How about Ralph Dunham? He was a previous recreation director in

another municipality (Rahway I think). Talk about the proper credentials. I don't even know the man, but based on the information I did have, I thought he would get the position. How about Danny Battista? I am sure there were others as well.

To find out that the Mayor is allowed to make the decision without a majority of the council behind her, is ridiculous. She has made you all look silly. Ultimately, you as members of the council, look like window dressing. Period. You need to all rise up and take a look at the real reason you ran for council. Did you all do it for the greater good of the town, or for your own personal agendas? If you don't step up and let Mayor Allen hear your voices, you might as well all resign. I wanted to let you all know that I no longer feel North Plainfield is a Proud Community. That is a sad statement coming from a born and raised North Plainfielder.

I don't want this to sound like sour grapes because it is not. When my husband first told me he applied for the position, I was livid. I prayed he wouldn't get the job because it would consume a lot MORE of his time. He donates so much time already that I didn't want to see him once a week. But, the logical side of me KNOWS that he would make a difference and his motives are pure. That is very rare to find in a man today.

In closing, Mayor Allen made a very very bad decision that will be a direct reflection on all of you as well as proving to the residents that our best interest was not the main objective.

I hope you all take this letter in the spirit it is intended.

Disheartened,

Sue Passe
233 Henry Court
North Plainfield