

**Recreation Committee
February 22, 2017**

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Scott MacKenzie, Jeff Calvani, Joelle Brownlee, Tim Duvelsdorf, Chairwoman Sue Rude and Jim Cutler

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Soccer Representative Michael McCaughey, Little League Representative Brandt Anderson, Kittatinny Midget Football League Representative Dawn Costello, Soccer Representative David Brownlee, Basketball Representative Sondra Bell, Hampton Sandyston Wrestling Representative Tricia Coesfeld, Hampton Sandyston Wrestling Representative Jessica Sharp, and Hampton Sandyston Wrestling Representative Katie Witowski.

Not Present: Blaine Crawn and Oscar Fernandez

STATEMENT: Chairwoman S. Rude stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, 4 & 13 of the Sunshine Law and that adequate notice of said meeting has been published in the New Jersey Herald being the Daily & Sunday editions as to time, place, and date, and is posted in the usual location of posted notices in the municipal building.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to approve the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Sports Organization Requirement Discussion

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that before any of the sports start practicing on the fields they must first fill out a facility use form, submit a copy of their certificate of liability insurance listing Hampton Township as an additionally insured, a copy of the NYSCA training certificates, a list of names of the coaches and participants, and a schedule of the field use.

2. Approval of the 2017 Budget

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the budget sheet has been attached for 2017 if anyone has any questions or thinks something should be changed then they are free to suggest it.

A MOTION was made by S. Mackenzie and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to change the multi-township run sports funding from \$500.00 to \$600.00 so that it is half of the amount of what the Hampton Township sports are allocated.

J. Brownlee pointed out that Kittatinny Little League is now a multi-town run sport so they should be collecting \$600.00 instead of the full \$1,200.00.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski suggested that if there is a car show on the day of the Fall Festival, the car club should handle the running of the show, i.e., registrations and the purchase of trophies, rather than Hampton Recreation collecting the funds and then needing to be reimbursed. Perhaps Hampton Recreation could ask for \$5.00 per registrant for being the host spot for the car show.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski suggested putting \$5,000.00 towards this year's budget to allocate for the rubber mulch/new playground equipment fund.

3. Easter Egg Hunt Discussion

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Secretary V. Galizia received an email regarding having the combined Easter Egg Hunt from K. Ruitenbergh who works with the Peer Leaders at Kittatinny High School. The Board of Education has approved having a joint Easter Egg Hunt with Hampton Township Recreation. J. Brownlee will reach out to K. Ruitenbergh to set a date for the Easter Egg Hunt and make plans for the event. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Hampton Park or will be held at Kittatinny High School in the case of bad weather.

4. Update on Little League State Finals: R. Kowalski

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that Kittatinny Little League attended the January 31, 2017 Township Committee meeting to seek approval on having the 2017 State Finals at Hampton Park from July 27th – 30th/31st. He stated that he will look into sponsors to have fireworks at the event. He also had an email from a Newton Recreation member stating that Newton Recreation volunteered to help at the State Championship in any way they can.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Jeralyn Dalling on running the Summer Recreation program

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that J. Dalling submitted an updated proposal for the Summer Recreation Program. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he brought the summer recreation program up at the Township Committee meeting. He is waiting on a response regarding the liability insurance and if J. Dalling would be covered under the township's policy if she ran the program. S. MacKenzie stated that he will look into what else is required to see if Recreation can start to move forward with organizing the program. The program would run approximately from July 17th, 2017 through August 11th, 2017.

OPEN DISCUSSION

S. Mackenzie stated that an idea regarding the graffiti issue was discussed at a township committee meeting that he would like to bring up to the Recreation Committee to see if Recreation would be interested in taking it on as a project. He stated that there is a graffiti issue

in two areas of the township. The township has tried painting over the graffiti and has had a special paint applied that can be power washed to have the graffiti paint come off but that within a couple days of the graffiti being cleared, the area is spray painted on again. He stated that it was discussed to have an artist come in and paint over it so that maybe it would deter people from spray painting on it. He stated it could be made into a contest and the winner would be able to put their art on it. The Recreation Committee thought it was a good idea and will think of ideas on finding an artist to do it. A suggestion was to open it up to Kittatinny High School or to Sussex County Community College art students.

J. Cutler stated that this would be his last Recreation Committee meeting. He stated that he has been on the Recreation Committee for 13 years but that he is very busy at work and with the Boy Scouts and it is his time to step down.

Chairwoman S. Rude and the rest of the Recreation Committee thanked Jim for his 13 years of service on the Recreation Committee and for all of his volunteer work through the years.

PUBLIC SESSION

Hampton Sandyston Wrestling asked if they could hold a fitness program for wrestling players over the summer at Hampton Park. He stated that they don't need a field, just an area to do some exercises and drills to get into shape for the upcoming season. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that they would need to provide a copy of their certificate of liability insurance naming Hampton Township as an additionally insured and a facility use form to be able to use the fields. Hampton Sandyston Wrestling will send over their insurance and a facility use form with the requested dates for field use as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by R. Kowalski and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary