

**Recreation Committee  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:20pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Katie Rotondi, Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Scott MacKenzie, and Joelle Brownlee

**Also Present:** Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Little League Representative B. Anderson

**Not Present:** Jeff Calvani, George Hudock, Blaine Crawn, Tim Duvelsdorf, 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 R. Kowalski and seconded by K. Rotondi, with all members in favor, to approve the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Recreation Committee meeting minutes.

**PRIORITY DISCUSSION**

**1. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Party will be on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Community Center.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that she ordered the items for the goodie bags and will assemble them the week of the tree lighting. J. Brownlee stated that there are plenty of paper products left for the Tree Lighting, that she and Secretary V. Galizia will pick up the cookies, cocoa, coffee, creamer, and candy at Walmart the next week.

**2. Bus Trip to Elf the Musical at Madison Square Garden**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Elf the Musical bus trip has been set up for Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for the 1pm show. She stated that the bus will leave the Municipal Office at 9am and head to Madison Square Garden then return to the Municipal Office following the show. Secretary V. Galizia stated that there are 40 tickets total and that 10 of them have been purchased so far.

### **3. 2018 Recreation Committee Meetings**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that it was approved by the Township Committee at their October 31, 2017 meeting to change the meeting dates of the Recreation Committee in 2018 to the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

### **4. 2018 Budget Discussion**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Secretary V. Galizia provided a recap and detailed budget of what was spent in 2017 so far for the budget and asked if there was anything anyone would like to suggest as a change or if they had any comments.

S. MacKenzie stated that he felt the turnout for the 5K the past two years hasn't been high compared to what is spent on materials for the event. He stated that running groups aren't going to come out to do a 5K, they're going for the further distance and doing more challenging events. He stated that he felt that there shouldn't be a 5K in 2018 to put the effort towards more fall festival activities. The rest of the Committee in attendance agreed with his suggestion.

### **5. December Meeting**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that as a reminder there is no Recreation Committee meeting in December, the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00pm

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

K. Rotondi stated that she would like to see different types of art classes provided in the Senior Center to residents free of charge if possible. She stated that she will try to find volunteers to run the different art classes such as mixed media, writing, painting, etc. She said that maybe Rec would be interested in paying for the supplies for the art classes so that there is no charge to residents. Secretary V. Galizia stated that for the classes that need materials, the teacher can give a supply list to bring to class. Residents could bring the materials with them if they'd like to attend the free class. K. Rotondi stated that she could personally do the writing class and that she will find volunteers for the other classes and type up a more formal proposal at that time. She wanted to see if it was something Recreation would be interested in sponsoring before pursuing the idea any further. The Committee agreed the classes would be a great idea.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he felt that the Recreation Committee bylaws should be updated in order to reflect the way the Recreation Committee operates at this time. The Committee would also like to have if members miss over a certain number of meetings for the year that they will be asked to step off the Committee as well in order to make room for more active members. S. MacKenzie stated that he was under the impression that Recreation was in

the process of having a separate account made by CFO J. Caruso but noted as a reminder that wouldn't mean that Recreation could just spend the funds as wanted. All accounts for spending would still need to be approved by the Township Committee prior to anything being spent. S. MacKenzie stated that he will look over the Recreation Bylaws and see if he can make any recommendation as to changes to be made.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she received a message from Recreation Committee member Jeff Calvani for his resignation from the Committee. J. Calvani. He has a job that interferes with the date/time of the meetings and will no longer have the time to serve on the Committee. The Committee members acknowledged all of J. Calvani's efforts over the past years and that he will be missed.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Public Session Open. No Public Comment. Public Session Closed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Recreation Committee Secretary