

Recreation Committee September 19, 2018 Minutes

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

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Katie Rotondi, Karen Ruitenberg, Stephen Fischer, Oscar Fernandez, Joelle Brownlee, Tim Duvelsdorf, George Hudock

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Little League Representative B. Anderson, Summer Rec Program Director J. Dalling, Soccer Representative D. Hudock, Basketball Representative R. Kowalski

Not Present: Scott MacKenzie

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 T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to approve the June 19, 2018 and August 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Art Class Update: K. Rotondi

K. Rotondi stated that the art classes are going well. She stated that there was a dip in the attendance over the summer but that may be due to families being on vacation. She asked if the art classes could be posted earlier on facebook for future events so that people may see the dates of the classes ahead of time. K. Rotondi asked for an increased budget for the rest of the year for the art classes to purchase more supplies.

A MOTION was made by K. Rotondi and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to approve an additional \$200 for art class supplies for the remainder of 2018.

2. Movie's in the Park Update: K. Rotondi

K. Rotondi stated that she would like the first movies in the park date to be set for the same night as the Trunk or Treat. Another movie in the park can be done in November as a "Drive In" movie. The screen can be put on a flatbed trailer for the drive in movie so that it sits up higher. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has a device that can set the movie sound to play over a FM frequency channel in everyone's cars.

K. Rotondi stated that she will need some help doing a test run in October sometime to check out all the equipment and make sure that everything works.

October's movie in the park's refreshments will be covered by the Trunk or Treat snacks. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he will donate his popcorn machine the night of the November Drive In movie and then Recreation will just need to supply the popcorn kernels, candy, soda, and coffee that will be available for purchase.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked V. Galizia to check into getting a Costco Business membership for purchasing bulk items.

3. Recreation Bylaws Update: S. MacKenzie

S. MacKenzie was not at the Recreation Committee meeting so he could not give an update on the Recreation Bylaws.

4. Town Wide Garage Sale Saturday & Sunday, September 22nd & 23rd from 9am-3pm

Secretary V. Galizia stated that there were 12 people signed up for the Town Wide Garage Sale. They would be able to still register to be on the map until September 20th at 4:00pm. The map will be online and the link will be on the Recreation Page, Hampton Mom's Page, and Township website.

5. Trunk or Treat- Friday, October 26, 2018 at Hampton Park

K. Ruitenburg stated that in order for the peer leaders to be able to assist with the haunted hay ride that the event would need to be on Saturday the 27th. The Recreation Committee agreed to hold the event on Saturday the 27th. The pavilion will be open to serve the refreshments which include cider donuts donated by Windy Brow Orchards, cookies, chips, juice, water, coffee, and hot chocolate.

G. Hudock stated that he would just need a letter or flyer showing the event details to give to Tri-State Rentals to be able to borrow the Kubota tractor for the haunted hay ride. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he would talk to P. Brodhecker to see if he could borrow the trailer again for the hay ride as well.

K. Rotondi stated that the movie could start at 7:30pm. That would give the Trunk-or-Treat an hour and a half for all the kids to get through and go on the hay ride before the movie starts.

Some other ideas included a T-shirt cannon and donut eating competition.

A MOTION was made by S. Fischer and seconded by T. Duvelsdorf, with all members in favor, to purchase a t-shirt cannon for the Trunk-or Treat.

The t-shirt cannon will be used to shoot off past recreation committee event t-shirts or donated local business t-shirts with candy inside. Businesses will donate \$50 and a couple t-shirts to be shot out at the Trunk or Treat, and can also be used at Hampton Day.

T. Duvelsdorf stated that he had a cat blow up decoration that he could bring & J. Brownlee stated she had a witch blow up decoration that she could bring.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that she put in the request for donations from Shoprite & Weis again this year to see if they will provide a gift card for refreshments for the event as they have done in the past.

6. Tree Lighting & Holiday Ceremony- Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:00pm

K. Rotondi stated that a new backdrop is needed for taking pictures by Santa this year. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he felt that most of the event could be held outside. The refreshments were outside in 2017 and that worked out well. The inside of the Senior Center is just too small for the amount of people that attend.

The refreshments could be under a pop-up tent again this year as it was last year. Santa can also be under a pop-up tent with a backdrop behind him. There will also be the snow machine, the Hampton Township Fire & Rescue Dept., Synergy Dance, and the KRHS Choir again this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that C. Carroll sent in a field request letter to Secretary V. Galizia for use of the recreation fields in the fall. He did not send in proof of insurance, a schedule, or facility use form.

A MOTION was made by T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by S. Fischer, with all members in favor, to forward a field use form to C. Carroll, request that in the future that recreation will need the request at least 30 days in advance of field use, that the sports must be off the fields by 5pm, must attach a copy of the field schedule, and that C. Carroll or a representative must attend the January or February Rec meeting to address the Spring sports.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the playground area is going to get redone & the drainage work will be done by the DPW. Rubber mulch is going to be put in, the sandbox torn out, and a new piece of playground equipment will be added. He stated that the work will probably be done in October or November depending on the road department's schedule. He asked Secretary V. Galizia to check with J. Caruso to see what is available for funding for the project. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski will get the new mulch quote.

J. Brownlee stated that she will need help cleaning out the rec cage at some point. She will need someone with a pickup truck to help move items to the dumpster in the back. Some

new shelved & totes will be needed as well to help store materials. She mentioned contacting Dean in Little League to see if Recreation can use the other Little League cage.

K. Rotondi stated that she feels that Recreation Committee members should go to the Township Committee to ask for their own email address since the volunteer's emails are susceptible to the OPRA law. She stated that she already made herself a new google email that she will use to contact the other Recreation volunteers and Secretary V. Galizia.

A MOTION was made by K. Rotondi and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to look into getting new emails for the Recreation Committee volunteers.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the Juniors travel baseball team played on the recreation fields recently while the fields were closed. They also did not rake or clean up the fields once they were done. DPW Manager D. Bayles has now told sports that there will be no more partial field openings.

G. Hudock stated that when he was at the park recently for a game he received a complaint that the grass was really high in the playground area. He's happy to hear that the playground will be revamped soon.

G. Hudock stated that there are no nets on the basketball nets on the basketball court. He stated that the kids sometimes have practice at the park instead of the school. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the basketball backboards really need to be replaced anyway so maybe it would be better to wait until 2019 and replace the two backboards and get new nets for the basketball court.

PUBLIC SESSION

Summer Recreation Program Director J. Dalling stated that she just wanted to say thanks again for letting her run the summer program. She stated that so many registrations came in that she had to turn kids away this year. She had 20 kids each week.

J. Dalling is going to speak with the Educational Foundation to see what the minimum age helpers need to be for insurance purposes. She's contemplating upping the number of kids to 25 per week next year. She's also going to enforce a cutoff date for applications next year.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary