

## **Recreation Committee February 21, 2018**

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:10pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Joelle Brownlee, Chairwoman Sue Rude, George Hudock, Katie Rotondi, Oscar Fernandez

**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 Vicki Kowalski, Softball Representative Anna Pascarella, and Summer Rec Program Director Jerri Dalling.

**Not Present:** Blaine Crown, Scott MacKenzie, and Tim Duvelsdorf

**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 Vice Chairman R. Kowalski and seconded by G. Hudock, with all members in favor, to approve the January 17, 2018 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. Failure to comply will result in a monetary penalty the following year.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he wanted to add that Hampton Recreation agreed that Rutgers training was also accepted instead of the NYSCA since the course is more detailed and some sports organizations require their coaches to get the training through that program.

#### **2. KRHS Hampton Rec Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am at Hampton Park**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the KRHS Hampton Rec Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Hampton Park. In the event of bad weather or the park is too wet, the event will be held in the KRHS library or cafeteria. J. Brownlee stated that KRHS is going to stuff all the eggs and get the face painting supplies. Hampton Rec will be in charge of getting snacks and the prizes. K. Rotondi offered to be the Easter Bunny again this year.

### **3. Recreation Bylaws Update**

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he, S. MacKenzie, and K. Rotondi met to start working on creating the new bylaws for Hampton Recreation. They are comparing the current township code and changing the bylaws to comply with the current township code as well as insert some changes that the Recreation Committee has decided on over the past few years. Some examples of changes are changing the Treasurer positing to having someone in that roll be in charge of preparing a monthly financial report and presenting it at each Recreation Committee meeting, making V. Galizia a member of the Recreation Committee since she is the current Secretary but not a member of Recreation, adding in the Sports Liaison position, and adding a required number of meetings that each member must attend or they will be removed from the Recreation Committee.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

K. Rotondi stated that the Township Committee approved the art classes at the last meeting. She has set dates for the classes which will be held at the Senior Center with Secretary V. Galizia. Most classes will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month except for November, which there will be no classes.

R. Kowalski stated that he has started working on setting thing up for Hampton Day this year and hopes that it will be even better than last year. He has been in touch with Christina Doone who was in charge of the vendors for Hampton Day & the Fall Festival last year. She has agreed to run the vendors for Hampton Day again this year and is currently working on the new vendor application. She will forward it to Secretary V. Galizia once she's finished and is giving all of last year's vendors first dibs on being vendors at Hampton Day again this year before publically advertising. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski will be in charge of the food vendors and is still deciding on what amount to charge them this year. In the past they have been charged \$25 just like the crafting vendors but made out very well last year so he feels that they can contribute a little more back to the Township. He asked Secretary V. Galizia to reach out to Chef's Catering with the Hampton Day date and to see if they would be interested in participating again this year. Sparta Dairy already has the Hampton Day date penciled in and is excited to be a part of the day again.

G. Hudock asked if there are nets for the basketball hoops at Hampton Park. He stated that sometimes he has the kids meet down there when the weather is good to practice, and it would be nice to have the nets up. J. Brownlee stated that Department of Public Works manager D. Bayles may have taken them down after the summer months. G. Hudock stated that he heard they were ripped off by teens that hang out in the park. He suggested if that's the case to get the chain nets so they won't be ripped off so easily. Secretary V. Galizia will check with D. Bayles to see if the nets are in storage or and suggest chain nets if the old ones had been vandalized.

G. Hudock also asked about the potential of getting a portable light for the park. K. Rotondi stated that Walmart & Home Depot have grants available and that she could see about a portable light. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that if there is a grant available, it may be better to use that money towards permanent lights in the park but that if G. Hudock has someone willing to donate a portable light and it works well it would be great.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Summer Recreation Director J. Dalling stated that she needed to make a change in the time of the summer rec program. Instead of the program starting the week of July 30<sup>th</sup> it will start the week of August 6<sup>th</sup> and run through August 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost will remain the same at \$40 per child, it will be for ages Kindergarten through 12 years old, and the times will be the same from 9am-12pm at Hampton Park. She asked if water would be available this year to be able to wash hands and use the restrooms. Secretary V. Galizia stated it would, last summer there was an issue with the well but that has been taken care of.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked if J. Dalling has any pictures from last year's Summer Rec Program that can be put on the facebook page or on a poster to advertise at Hampton Day. J. Dalling replied that she took many pictures but her son has her camera away at college. She will hopefully have the camera back soon and will upload the pictures. She said that she just needs a few more parental consents to post the pictures but that she has everyone's email and phone numbers that participated last year. J. Brownlee suggested having a photo waiver added to the application this year so that she doesn't need to get a waiver signed by each parent as well.

J. Dalling will be in touch with the Educational Foundation to set up the insurance for the program again and will report back at the next meeting.

D. Brownlee asked if Lacrosse is planning on using the recreational fields again this year. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski replied that the high school had submitted a letter requesting field use during March- May weather permitting. D. Brownlee suggested having the fields staggered again, that he had mentioned in the past that the lacrosse team digs trenches in the fields particularly around the goal areas and a child could get hurt tripping in them. He's concerned because they will be coming after Hampton Township if that did happen, not Kittatinny who is responsible for the damage to the fields. He asked that lacrosse be spoken with about maintaining the fields and fixing their holes or not be able to use the Hampton Recreation fields anymore.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by J. Brownlee and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Recreation Committee Secretary