

**Recreation Committee
June 20th, 2018**

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

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

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Karen Ruitenberg

Not Present: George Hudock 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 Vice Chairman R. Kowalski and seconded by K. Rotondi, with all members in favor, to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Hampton Day Recap: R. Kowalski

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he felt that Hampton Day was still a success even after the downpour that happened right before the event began. The ground was wet in certain areas but there was still a great turnout with people. He stated that Pepsis Enterprises, the business that was selling the ice cream, sold out of ice cream and had to run to Shoprite to restock twice, and that Chef's Deli Catering brought more food this year so that they wouldn't sell out like last year and that they still came close to selling out of everything.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he spoke with DPW Manager D. Bayles after Hampton Day and that D. Bayles recommended having a contingency plan in place for next year. He stated that the side of the park that Hampton Day normally gets set up on holds water more than any other area. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he would like to start planning Hampton Day in September this year instead of January to allow more time to have things set in place. He stated that he isn't going to rent the big tents for the vendors next year, that he will tell vendors to bring their own pop-up tents. He also stated that he would like to coordinate more with the Hampton Fire Department and see if the Fire Department President would be interested in coming to a Recreation Committee meeting in February to discuss Hampton Day.

R. Kowalski also stated that he'd like to think about a different date for Hampton Day so that we aren't competing with so many other township days and events at the fairgrounds. K. Ruitenberg stated that Prom 2019 is set for May 31st.

2. Art Class Update: K. Rotondi

K. Rotondi stated that the art classes are going great, that there were about 8 people at the June art class which was on acrylic painting.

3. Recreation Bylaws Update

S. MacKenzie stated that he apologized for missing the last couple meetings, that he will have the bylaws complete and get it to the right people for review this month. He stated that he will have a copy for review for the July Recreation Committee meeting.

4. Summer Programs Update

Secretary V. Galizia stated that O. Fernandez was not present at the meeting to give an update on the summer soccer programs but that she had heard that they have a good amount of registrations coming in. She stated that the Summer Rec Program so far has 5 kids registered for week 1, 7 kids registered for week 2, and 7 kids registered for week 3. She stated that the registration form is on the township website, the Recreation Facebook page, was sent to McKeown School for their e-newsletter, and is in the Municipal Office. J. Brownlee asked if it was shared in the parent groups on Facebook and noted that V. Kowalski did share it. She also asked if it could be put on the marquee out in front of the Municipal Office.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he was contacted about having a full day summer baseball camp for the week of July 16th – 20th and July 23rd – 27th from 8am-4pm at Hampton Park. He stated that the person running the summer baseball camp has insurance that he can provide. He stated that the camp is \$100 per week and that they would be playing baseball as well as watching some baseball videos in the pavilion.

A MOTION was made by R. Kowalski, and seconded by T. Duvelsdorf, with all members in favor, to have the summer baseball camp go to the town for approval.

5. Town Wide Garage Sale Saturday & Sunday September 22nd & 23rd

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Town Wide Garage Sale would be Saturday & Sunday, September 22nd & 23rd from 9am-3pm. She stated that the forms are available, that it's \$10 to be placed on the map, and that the maps will be available to be viewed online.

6. Fall Festival- Saturday, October 13th, 2018

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that at the last meeting that there was a suggestion to combine the Trunk or Treat and the Fall Festival. The Recreation Committee discussed this but decided to keep the events separate to make the Fall Festival into more of an adult Oktoberfest and have the Trunk or Treat be for the kids.

K. Rotondi and soon to be Recreation Committee member Karen Ruitenber, volunteered to chair the Oktoberfest.

K. Rotondi stated that she pictured the Oktoberfest to be about bands, drinks, vendors, a hay ride, food, a pie eating contest, etc. Toilet bowl races and 'water pong' were also suggested. J. Brownlee suggested a cornhole tournament. The Committee agreed a cornhole tournament would be the best fit for the Oktoberfest and could draw a large amount of people in. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski suggested getting the cornhole boards donated or sponsored by local businesses. The businesses could purchase the pair of cornhole boards and have their business advertised on them. It would cost approximately \$100 and up for a cornhole set. S. MacKenzie also suggested contacting businesses to see if they would donate a prize such as a grill from JCP&L. Each team could register at \$10 a team and either the cash could go to the winner or the total money collected from entries could be split with the Recreation Committee if there was another prize donated.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski suggested having food trucks at this event, he stated that he could contact Chef's Deli Catering as well but he'd like to try to get some food trucks first such as a taco truck & BBQ. He also suggested having Windy Brow come to sell some of their donuts and cider.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski also suggested speaking with Administrator Jessica Caruso and the Township Committee about the possibility of having Angry Erik's come to the Oktoberfest to sell some beer or hard cider. He stated that this event would be geared towards adults and would fit the atmosphere with having a live band, food trucks, and a cornhole tournament. Angry Erik's is also in the process of moving to Hampton Township and have done outside events before at Lafayette Day and other municipality's days. S. MacKenzie suggested talking to Administrator J. Caruso first to see the best way of bringing the information to the Township Committee.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski also stated that maybe fireworks could be done if there was a sponsor. He stated that D & M Fireworks could do a smaller show for about \$3,000 - \$3,500. S. MacKenzie stated that he could look into a sponsor for the fireworks display.

J. Brownlee stated that she would like the Trunk or Treat to be moved to Hampton Park instead of at Kittatinny this year. She stated that there is always a lot going on at Kittatinny that evening with the Activity Night and the school play. K. Ruitenbergh also noted that the peer leaders would not be able to help with the Trunk or Treat if it was that Friday as they are running a haunted house at the Activity Night. The Recreation Committee decided to move the Trunk or Treat to Hampton Park and hold the event on Saturday, October 27th instead.

The cars can park around the parameter of the Little League Field and have the ball field lights turned on. Portable lights can also be borrowed from the Sussex County Sheriff's Office if needed. J. Brownlee stated that it would also be easier to have snacks served out of the pavilion then setting up the tables at the KRHS parking lot. The committee also discussed having a haunted hay ride to go around the walking path and having peer leaders be zombies hidden around the park. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the Little League PA system could be used out of the Snack Shack to make announcements and play music.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

K. Rotondi stated that she would like to set up free outdoor movie nights in the park. She stated that it would cost approximately \$1,500 to purchase the screen/projector, PA system, and other accessories off of Amazon. She stated that the Recreation Committee could sell popcorn & soda to offset the cost of the equipment. She stated that the movies could be played once a month over the warmer months. K. Rotondi stated that movies could be borrowed from a company that has a viewing license. She stated that the movies would be family friendly.

A MOTION was made by K. Rotondi, and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to look into purchasing the equipment for free outdoor movie nights.

K. Rotondi stated that she would get some quotes on equipment pricing and will present the idea to the Township Committee.

J. Brownlee asked if a reminder email could be sent out to the sports organizations reminding them that they need to help at an event to receive their annual funding. So far only soccer has helped at two of the Recreation Committee events.

J. Brownlee also stated that the Rec cage needs to be cleaned in the Senior Center. She stated that she wanted to purchase 2 more shelving racks to help organize the totes and other items that are stored in the cage. She stated that there are still boxes of leftover t-shirts from past 5K runs and asked for suggestions on what to do with them. Secretary V. Galizia showed the Recreation Committee what the shirts looked like. K. Rotondi suggested selling the “Do or Dye” t-shirts at Hampton Day next year and doing a tie-dyeing station. J. Brownlee stated that the Zombie shirts could be sold or given away at the Trunk or Treat.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by J. Brownlee and seconded by S. MacKenzie, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary