

Recreation Committee May 16, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Joelle Brownlee, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Tim Duvelsdorf, Katie Rotondi, and Oscar Fernandez

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Little League Representative Brandt Anderson, Hampton Softball Representative Anna Pascarella, and Hampton Soccer Representative David Brownlee

Not Present: Scott MacKenzie & George Hudock

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 T. Duvelsdorf, with all members in favor, to approve the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Art Class Update: K. Rotondi

K. Rotondi stated that the art classes are going great; she's received a lot of positive feedback after the April classes. She stated that she had to cancel the May class but that they will reconvene on May 22nd.

2. Recreation Bylaws Update

S. MacKenzie was not present at the meeting to give an update on the Recreation Bylaws. The Recreation Committee members stated that they felt if S. MacKenzie is not available to make it to the Recreation Committee meetings then another Township Committee member is available to attend in his absence.

3. Hampton Day Update: R. Kowalski

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has the fireworks, tent/tables, and DJ reserved for Hampton Day. He is just waiting on a final price from the inflatable's company. The food setup will be the same again this year around the basketball court and the tables for seating. Chef's Deli Catering, Pepsis Enterprises (formally Sparta Dairy), and the Hampton Fire Department will be there selling food. Secretary V. Galizia stated that she still had not heard

back from The Hummingbird House but that she would try to contact E. Biron directly. The pavilion will not be used for cooking but the restrooms will be open and available to the public.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he also has the US Army coming with an interactive trailer with video games for the kids to play. He spoke with K. Ruitenbergh from Kittatinny and she confirmed that the peer leaders will be doing face painting at Hampton Day. Pinky the balloon artist will also be there again to do balloons. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski will check with Mr. Brodhecker to verify that he can use his trailer as a stage again this year.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he's having roadway signs made and will drop them off at the Municipal Building this week if everyone could come take a few to set up.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that L. Korver will be running the Prince & Princess contest and Miss Hampton. J. Brownlee stated that she felt that the Miss Hampton competition should have been another weekend since Hampton Day is happening over prom weekend. She stated that more girls may have signed up if it wasn't the same weekend as many of the kids go away the weekend of prom. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that Fredon Day is the same day as Hampton Day this year and that they are also doing their Miss Fredon competition on that day.

K. Rotondi stated that she will run the talent show again and asked about her budget for the day. The Recreation Committee agreed on a \$250 budget for prizes for the talent show.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he was also looking into having someone come for an hour to do some sort of demonstration during the day such as a magician or Rizzo's Reptiles.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Secretary V. Galizia brought in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular show schedule for 2018. The last bus trip only had about half of the tickets sold so the Recreation Committee decided to hold off on committing to a bus trip this year to see if there will be a better idea for the holiday season.

OPEN DISCUSSION

K. Rotondi stated that she brought in a grant packet from Josh Gottheimer's office that the Recreation Committee or Township Committee could look into applying for. She said that she knows of a few Townships close by that have applied for the grant and received some supplies. Vice Chairman asked if she could possibly look into that further and see what the other Township's asked for and received. She stated that from what she's seen in the grant that we can't apply for playground equipment but the Recreation Committee could apply for things like new soccer goals, nets, bases, sporting equipment, field maintenance equipment, appliances for the pavilion kitchen, etc.

A MOTION was made by R. Kowalski and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to have K. Rotondi look into the grant further for more information.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Township Committee would also need to approve applying for the grant prior to the Recreation Committee submitting any paperwork.

O. Fernandez stated that registrations have been coming in for the evening summer soccer camp. He stated that the travel soccer tryouts will be on Friday May 18th and Monday May 21st at Hampton Park. He stated that they are also doing a Red Bulls Soccer Game fundraising trip on June 23rd if anyone was interested in purchasing tickets.

J. Brownlee stated that she noticed at her daughters recent softball game that the other team all had a facemask on during field play and she was told that it was a new rule for every player to wear a facemask at all times. She asked Softball Representative A. Pascarella if that was a rule in the softball organization that Hampton Softball should be following or was it maybe just a new rule for that township to follow. A. Pascarella stated that Hampton Softball is a part of the North West Skylands Girls Softball and that it is not a new rule, that it must be something that town decided that they wanted to enforce.

PUBLIC SESSION

Softball Representative A. Pascarella stated that the girl's softball field #5 needs new clay that it's in bad shape. She stated that the pitching machine plug is also not working, that they have moved it and used it in other locations and it works fine but for some reason it shorts out when plugged in at the park. She stated that they will need new pitching mounds at the end of the season and that the base plugs on field #1 at second base are cracked.

Little League Representative B. Anderson stated that everything is going great.

Soccer Representative D. Brownlee stated that the 3rd/4th grade goal frames are cracked. He stated that O. Fernandez has pieced them back together but they will need new frames for those goals. They are the 18.5 x 6.5 frames. He also stated that the 5th/6th grade goals need new nets.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary