

**RECREATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2015**

**THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED AND ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE OR MODIFICATION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING**

FLAG SALUTE: led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL: Chairwoman Sue Rude, Oscar Fernandez, and Vice Chairman Jeff Calvani, Blaine Crawn, Scott MacKenzie

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Joelle & Dave Brownlee- Soccer, Norm Sellers, Hampton-Sandyston Wrestling, Teresa Casale- Wrestling

Absent: Kirk Kandel, Gene Coltelli and Jim Cutler,

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 locations of posted notices in the municipal building.

OATH OF OFFICE

SWEARING IN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Kowalski (5 Year Term- expires 12/31/2019)

Robert Kowalski was not present at the meeting and will be sworn in at the October meeting.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to approve the August 26, 2015 Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. Town Wide Garage Sale- Saturday, September 26, 2015

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the town wide garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. It will cost \$10 to get placed on the map. All proceeds will go towards the future walking path to be constructed around Hampton Park.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that the maps are printed and are also available on the Township website. She will also have maps the day of the sale available at 179 Halsey Road.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that there is currently \$60,000.00 in the account and that there will most likely be another \$10,000.00 to be transferred into that account at the end of the year. The estimate for the walking path for construction is \$27,487.00 but that isn't including things like machines the DPW will need to rent for preparing the walking path or construction or other costs that may arise that are associated with the path and its construction. Recreation can use the extra money to purchase an exercise unit.

The walking path can start to be constructed in 2016.

2. Trunk or Treat at Kittatinny High School Parking Lot- Friday, October 30, 2015 from 6pm-8pm.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the trunk or treat event will be at Kittatinny High School in the far back parking lot under the solar canopies on Friday, October 30, 2015 from 6-8pm. She encouraged the Recreation Committee members to bring their decorated cars and treats for the kids and to spread the word on the event. Anyone interested in participating should RSVP with Secretary V. Galizia as this is the first year Recreation is organizing the event.

3. Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Party- Friday December 4th at 7:00pm

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the annual tree lighting and holiday party will be on Friday December 4th at 7:00pm. She asked Secretary V. Galizia to get in touch with Synergy Dance Company to get the dancers to come do a performance and to get in touch with the Town Crier to be there. She stated that she and Secretary V. Galizia will get the hot cocoa, coffee, cookies; the chocolate Santa's and candy canes. She asked that the Recreation Committee members be there at 6:30pm to help set up.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

B. Crawn stated that she has been doing research on a good time to schedule the 5K run. She has been seeing when other areas in the County typically do them so there isn't a conflict with the date Recreation decides on. She stated that she thinks the best times would either be the day before Easter on March 26 and incorporate the 5K with doing Easter activities like the egg hunt, having the Easter Bunny there, Easter theme crafts ect.

Another idea for the date of the 5K would be to incorporate it with Hampton Day and have it on June 26th.

S. MacKenzie asked how the Recreation members felt about having Hampton Day in September this year, if there were the same amount of people or less. The conscientious was that there were less people at Hampton Day this year whether it was the date change and people were

unaware, sports conflicts or chance of bad weather. He stated it would be a very long day to have a 5K in the morning and then still want to have fireworks that evening in terms of having volunteers. The time of sunset at the end of June isn't until 9pm.

B. Crawn stated that the sports organizations did alright in the pavilion but that they were unaware that there would be so many food vendors. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Recreation will not be using Sandra as the vendor organizer next year, that vendors will be going through the Township as they have in the past so that will not be an issue again.

B. Crawn stated that she felt Hampton Day did not have a lot for kids to do this past year and that there should be more interactive things to attract children such as carnival games, pie eating contests, a dunk tank ect. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Recreation has had those things at Hampton Day the past few years and they are great to have as long as there are volunteers to run them. The problem Recreation faced in the past was just not having the manpower to run all of the events throughout the day.

A MOTION was made by O. Fernandez and seconded by S. MacKenzie, with all members in favor, to move Hampton Day to a later day in June and to establish a Hampton Day Committee with Blaine Crawn as the Chairperson.

B. Crawn stated that baseball was practicing at Hampton Day and she was told Hampton Day should be a blackout date. She stated it was unfair to let them practice but tell soccer they cannot. She wants to make sure the date is blocked out to all sports organizations next year.

J. Calvani stated that he was informed that a girl had an issue with her harness on the rock wall. He was told the girl was not able to make it back down the rock wall and that one of the attendants had to go up to get her. He asked that Secretary V. Galizia contact Party Perfect Rentals and let them know of the incident. There was no complaint made to the Township regarding the matter.

PUBLIC SESSION

Hampton-Sandyston Wrestling representative N. stated that he wanted to see what needed to be done in order for wrestling to collect their funding from the Township. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that in order for any sports organization to collect their funding they need to attend at least 5 of the Recreation Committee meetings, help out at 1 Township event, and provide proof of their Certificate of Liability Insurance and NYSCA certifications. She stated that she has to check on the amount wrestling can collect for funding but she thinks it may be \$500.00.

Township resident Tim Duvelsdorf stated that he grew up in Vernon Township but has recently moved to Hampton Township and is interested in being on the Recreation Committee. He will be in touch with Secretary V. Galizia to provide his contact information.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary