

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 23, 2016

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 Susan Rude at 7:06PM.

ROLL CALL: Gene Coltelli, Rob Kowalski, Jeff Calvani, Sue Rude, Oscar Fernandez, Scott MacKenzie, Blaine Crawn, and Tim Duvelsdorf

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, David & Joelle Brownlee-Soccer Representatives, Brandt Anderson- Baseball Representative

Absent: Kirk Kandel and Jim Cutler

STATEMENT: Chairwoman S. Rude stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of P.L. 1875, 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.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by T. Duvelsdorf, with all members in favor, to approve the February 24, 2016 Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. Meeting with Chris Carroll Update: Chairwoman S. Rude

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she, Township Administrator Eileen Klose, Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, and DPW Manager Dan Bayles met with Chris Carroll to discuss Kittatinny's field use request for Hampton Park. She stated that it was decided that it would be fine for Kittatinny to use Hampton's baseball fields this Spring with the following conditions: 1) The baseball team must rake the fields after their practices since the DPW will not be there to rake the fields in between Kittatinny's practice and the Recreation Little League's practice which starts at 5pm; 2) The coaches need to call the phone number to check the recorded message to see if the fields are open or closed before going over to start practice; 3) Kittatinny cannot use the fields on Saturdays; 4) All the fields are used all day Saturday so there is no way to accommodate them.

Mr. Carroll also stated that Kittatinny baseball has no intent to use the batting cage and will leave the fields once it's the recreation sports time to start practice.

Mr. Carroll also suggested purchasing Turf Covers to put in front of the soccer goals in the fall and it will cover the dirt spots over the winter. The Turf Covers act as a green house so that in early spring there will be grass and hopefully no issue of having the dirt patch in front of the goals.

2. Hampton Day- Saturday June 4th from 3pm-dusk

Chairwoman S. Rude stated Secretary V. Galizia provided a list with some of the items that will be used at Hampton Day such as the 5K run, the Miss Hampton Competition, the Little Prince & Princess Competition, the Dedication of the Community Center to be the “Daniel Coranoto Community and Senior Center”, the inflatable’s & photo booth rented through Party Perfect Rentals, Kirk Kandel as the music entertainment, the pavilion which will possibly be run by the Kittatinny Little League if they are interested, a 50/50 On and Off premise raffle, and fireworks at dusk. The vendor application form is prepared and has been sent out to all the vendors that have participated at Hampton Day in the past as well as various other local businesses.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that some other possibilities for things to be at Hampton Day are a beer tent hosted by the Fire Department which is pending approval by the Township Committee, Children’s Carnival Games & prizes, and other events such as an egg toss, pie eating contest, potato sack races, and a softball/kickball game if there are volunteers to organize and run them.

B. Crawn stated that she will be attending the Township Committee meeting on March 29th to ask for approval to have the 5K at Hampton Park on Hampton Day at 11am. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she spoke with DPW Manager D. Bayles about it being a 5K Color Run and he is against having the colored powder all over the park. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she understands why D. Bayles feels that way and thinks that having just a regular 5K would be the best option.

Hampton Resident Crystal Cassidy expressed her interest in hosting the children’s carnival games at Hampton Day. She stated she’s in the process of making multiple games so that they can be used year after year. She asked if the Recreation Committee would be able to provide the prizes through Oriental Trading. R. Kowalski suggested once she knows the number of games she’s going to have she can better estimate the amount of prizes she will need and can make the suggestion to the Recreation Committee.

Little League Representative B. Anderson suggested that the Kittatinny Peer Leaders need volunteer jobs to do, to try to get in contact with Dan Craig to ask for volunteers to help at Hampton Day.

S. MacKenzie stated that there needs to be more signs and banners for Hampton Day. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that there is a Township Ordinance regarding roadway signs so that’s why you don’t see many of them out. S. MacKenzie stated that people can put them on private property and some businesses with permission. He stated that there could possibly be a banner tied to poles on the Municipal Building lawn by the roadway and one on Fairclough Fuel’s property if permitted.

B. Crawn stated that signs for the 5K run will also need to be purchased for advertising.

3. Sports Funds Proposal Final Decision

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that at the last Recreation Committee meeting, R. Kowalski brought a proposal for the sports funding requirements and the Committee had decided to table the final decision until the next meeting due to a mixed response vote.

A **MOTION** was made by O. Fernandez and seconded by S. MacKenzie, with all members in favor, to approve the proposed sports funding requirements and to forward the proposal onto the Township Committee for final approval.

4. Sussex County Day hosted by the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce

S. MacKenzie stated that he recently attended the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce meeting where they were discussing the Sussex County Day to be held on May 1st from 12pm-4pm at the Sussex County Community College. He stated that each Municipality that attends is given a free space and provided with a table and two chairs. He stated that he feels it is a great way to promote Hampton Day and Hampton Township. Last year there were thousands of people that showed up to the event and he feels Hampton would be missing out on a lot of free publicity by not being there. B. Crawn and J. Calvani volunteered to participate at the Sussex County Day.

A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to request permission for the Recreation Committee to represent Hampton Township and to attend the Sussex County Day. The Recreation Committee will organize the staffing and materials used for the table.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

B. Crawn stated that she would like to see the pavilion run by a subcommittee of Recreation. R. Kowalski stated that Little League was going to go to the next Township Committee meeting and request to use the pavilion this year. He stated that Little League has more volunteers than the Recreation Committee has and that they have already made an outline of how to run the pavilion with their volunteers. He stated that in the future if Recreation comes up with a plan of how to run the pavilion and has a subcommittee together before the sports seasons start then it might be possible, but for this year it would be too late for Recreation to try to gather enough people to do it. He stated that Recreation needs to figure out how to get more people down in the park other than just the sports, i.e. having more events or improving the park so more people come to visit. He stated it's mainly just sports that are down there and besides that there's rarely anyone in the park.

Chairwoman S. Rude asked R. Kowalski when the Little League Playoffs will be over. R. Kowalski stated most likely the first or second week in July. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that DPW Manager D. Bayles is planning on starting the walking path once Little League is done playing for the season.

R. Kowalski asked if there would be any way to request an additional Port-A-John by the girls softball field. He stated having one by the McKeown entrance for the little kids has worked out really well but he also thinks one is needed by the girl's softball field in the back corner. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she will check with DPW Manager D. Bayles and see what can

be done. She stated that if the pavilion bathrooms are open that the Port-A-John that's normally used in that location can be moved to the back field.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

ADJORNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Administrative Assistant