

**RECREATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 28, 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, Vice Chairman Jeff Calvani, Blaine Crown, Scott MacKenzie, Jim Cutler and Kirk Kandel

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Sondra Bell- Basketball

Absent: Gene Coltelli 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 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)

The Recreation Committee Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Rob Kowalski for a 5 year term expiring 12/31/2019.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by J. Calvani and seconded by S. MacKenzie, with all members in favor, to approve the September 23, 2015 Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

- 1. 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. Secretary V. Galizia stated that there were already 37 cars signed up to participate. B. Crown

suggested putting a sign at the entrance of Kittatinny saying that the Trunk or Treat is in the back parking lot since there will be a play that evening at Kittatinny.

B. Crawn suggested the trunk or treat could be at Hampton Park next year if Recreation borrows lights from football or the sheriff's department to light the parking lot. Then there could be other activities to make it into more of a fall fest such as a costume contest, costume exchange, the pavilion could be open for food, a pumpkin carving or pumpkin painting contest and a haunted house or haunted stations. B. Crawn stated that the high school seniors need to get volunteer hours in order to graduate. Running a haunted house or haunted stations would be a great way for the students to get their volunteer hours in. She stated that maybe Lentini's would be willing to donate pumpkins and maybe another local farmers market would donate cider and donuts.

2. 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 ask the Synergy Dance Company to do a performance and to get in touch with the Town Crier. 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.

R. Kowalski suggested getting in touch with the Kittatinny Jazz Band to see if they would be interested in playing a few songs at the tree lighting. B. Crawn suggested contacting the Baleville Church to see if the choir would be interested in coming to sing a few holiday songs. She also suggested doing a shoe box gift donation and the drop off date could be the tree lighting.

3. Athletic Gear Exchange: B. Crawn

B. Crawn stated that she would like to organize an athletic gear exchange at the end of each season. She stated that athletic gear is so expensive, especially if parents have multiple children and this is a great way for them to save some money. She suggested using one of the cages in the senior center basement to store the athletic gear until the exchange.

R. Kowalski stated that Little League has had an athletic exchange for the past couple years and it has been really successful. He stated that they need the exchange at Mengo's Pizza. There would be one night that the athletic gear drop could be dropped off and anyone that donated gear would get one free slice of pizza. They would then have two nights of pickup dates for people to come to take the donated gear.

B. Crawn stated that the exchange could always coincide with one of recreations events such as the Holiday Tree Lighting, the Spring Easter Egg Hunt, Hampton Day, and the Fall Festival.

R. Kowalski suggested after the exchange is finished, if there is equipment left over, each sports organization is responsible for coming to collect the athletic equipment that pertains to their sport. The sports organization can either hold onto it until the next athletic gear exchange or donate it to a charity but that decision should be left up to them. That will ensure that the athletic gear will not accumulate in the cage.

4. Hampton Day Date Discussion

The Recreation Committee discussed possible dates to hold Hampton Day in 2016. The Committee agreed to host Hampton Day in June again, as they have in previous years.

A **MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to have Hampton Day on June 11, 2016, June 18, 2016 or on June 25, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

B. Crawn stated that she thinks that a Hampton Township Recreation Facebook page would really help spread the word on Recreation events. She said it would be a good way to survey people too to see what types of things people would like to see at Hampton Day, other type of events, or park improvements. R. Kowalski stated that the Hampton Fire Department has a Facebook page that has pictures of children on it and that Little League has its own Facebook page. S. MacKenzie stated that Little League's Facebook page is a private page. A page being associated with the township would be different, that there is more liability to it. He stated that he will call around to some of the other towns and see why they do or don't have a Facebook page.

B. Crawn stated that it would be great to get more local trade type jobs to have information booths at Hampton Day. She stated that an idea would be to offer the first 20 Hampton Resident's businesses that are just providing information, a free or discounted vendor spot. She also suggested having a family softball game, potato sack races, kickball game etc. B. Crawn also stated that other township days have a beer tent. She stated that people aren't going to be getting drunk with their children running around at Hampton Day. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that alcohol is not allowed in the park area but that there could be an area roped off on the parking lot like the Fire Department did at the Fireman's Parade last year. She suggested having the Fire Department run the beer tent as a fundraiser since they have plenty of volunteers and have experience running it.

R. Kowalski asked if Recreation is allowed to get sponsors to help pay for the fireworks for Hampton Day. Secretary V. Galizia stated that finding sponsors would be fine, Dan Coranoto used to visit some of the local businesses and car dealerships to see if any of them would be interested in being a sponsor for the fireworks.

B. Crawn stated that she would like to have the 5K the morning of Hampton Day and if the walking path is constructed by then that it would be a great way to show it off. R. Kowalski stated that he's seen 5K inflatable obstacle courses and how that may be something fun to look into.

PUBLIC SESSION

Public session open. No public comment. Public session closed.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by S. MacKenzie, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary