

Recreation Committee
May 24, 2017

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:06pm.

ROLL CALL: Blaine Crawn, Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Scott MacKenzie, and Joelle Brownlee

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Little League Representative Brandt Anderson, Kittatinny Midget Football League Representative Dawn Costello, Basketball Representative Sondra Bell, and Soccer Representatives David Brownlee and Dawn Hudock

Not Present: Jeff Calvani, Oscar Fernandez, Katie Rotondi, Tim Duvelsdorf, and 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.

OATH OF OFFICE

SWEARING IN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George Hudock- 5 year unexpired term (expires 12/31/2019)

George Hudock was not present at the Recreation Committee meeting and will be sworn in on a different date.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to approve the April 26, 2017 Recreation Committee meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Hampton Day- Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 3:00pm-dusk

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the inflatable's, DJ, and fireworks are all set up for Hampton Day and that there are about 12 vendors registered with another 8-9 more will be submitting their applications shortly. He stated that Synergy Dance Company will be coming to do a 15-20 minute routine in between the Miss Hampton Competition and the Talent Show. He also stated that the Iron Temple is going to have an information booth set up and they will do 2 separate 15 minute karate routines during the day.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski attended the Hampton Fire & Rescue meeting and spoke with them about Hampton Day. He said that they cannot spray the kids down with water from the fire trucks because it is a health risk since the water is not sanitized. He stated that he would like them to be situated by the softball field with a fire truck and they will also be doing a 50/50 raffle.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that J. Brownlee will be running the children's carnival games. He spoke with DPW Manager D. Bayles who will put snow fence up around the softball field to contain the games. He stated that they will be using 6 of the carnival games that C. Cassidy had built from the previous year and rent 6 more games from the inflatable company with the savings Joelle had on her prize money budget. Joelle has purchased the prizes for the carnival games and only spent half of her budget.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he ordered 20 double sided roadway signs that he brought to the meeting. He asked if everyone could take a sign or two to distribute throughout the township.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked Secretary V. Galizia to contact the newspaper, WSUS, bring a flyer over to the school, etc., to help advertise for Hampton Day. He stated that he is still waiting to hear back from some food trucks but that so far Sparta Dairy will be there selling ice cream, funnel cakes, and cotton candy; Divinely Dolce will be selling cupcakes & cookies; and the Hummingbird House will be selling cold sandwiches, chips, and drinks.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked Secretary V. Galizia to talk with DPW Manager D. Bayles about putting up the electrical box for Hampton Day. He wanted to see if it would be possible to have the box put by the fence by the batting cage instead of on the tree by the pavilion since more power would be needed over in that area and extension cords would not need to be strung out so far then.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the tents are booked and he will also be renting tables for the vendors that request they would need a table for the extra \$10 fee. He will also be reserving a few circular tables and chairs for around the food truck area to establish a "food court" type atmosphere. He stated that Brodhecker Farms will be donating one of their trailers that will be used as the stage for the Prince & Princess Contest, Miss Hampton Competition, and Talent Show. He is going to borrow some plants from Cerbo's Garden Center for the day to decorate the stage area and will return the plants after Hampton Day. He will also make up a banner to put on the trailer thanking all the people that were a sponsor for Hampton Day.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he would like to have a restroom trailer at Hampton Day since there will be no water available for hand washing in the park. The trailers are also more sanitary for children to use and they are able to wash their hands with soap and water. He asked Secretary V. Galizia to look into the price of the restroom trailers and message the Recreation Committee members.

S. MacKenzie stated that he spoke with Township Administrator E. Klose about a solicitation letter for sponsors for the fireworks display. He said that he understood that Dan

Coranoto collected sponsor money from some of the local businesses and car dealerships and he would like to continue to do the same.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked if Secretary V. Galizia could send an email blast out to all the Recreation Committee members and head of the sports organizations stating that help is needed for set up prior to Hampton Day starting and cleanup at the end of the night. He stated that during the day everything is pretty self sustained except for the Recreation Committee table and the children's carnival games. He stated that set up time that volunteers would be needed is between 12pm-3pm and cleanup from 8pm and after fireworks.

2. Summer Recreation Program Update: K. Rotondi

K. Rotondi was not at the meeting so she was not able to give an update, but she contacted Secretary V. Galizia prior to the meeting and said that she was working out the final details between Louise Maurro of the Educational Foundation, Jerri Dalling's formal proposal for the summer program, and the insurance company requirements. She will email an update to the Recreation Committee members as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that there is a local Hampton Township family that has a son in 5th grade that was diagnosed with leukemia. He stated that the family is involved with Hampton sports, girl scouts; the father is a state trooper at the Augusta Barracks, and that they are very community oriented. He stated that Mike McCaughey would like to hold a movie night fundraiser at Hampton Park on the suggested date of June 9th. They said that it would be nice that the extra power source and tents will already be set up for Hampton Day that they could use if necessary. They stated that they would make sure everything was cleaned up after the event. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he would be donating his popcorn machine for use for the night and popcorn. They weren't sure if they are going to ask for a standard donation of about \$5 per person or have it be a free event and have a donation bin out. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he wasn't sure if they could charge for the movie if it would break any of the copyright laws with the film. He suggested making it a free event and having the donation bin. People will be there to support the family and will donate.

A MOTION was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to approve the fundraiser movie night at Hampton Park for the tentative date of June 9th.

Mike McCaughey will attend the Township Committee meeting on May 30th to seek approval to host the fundraising event on June 9th and answer any questions that the Township Committee may have.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the softball benches came in but that they sent in the wrong legs for the benches. The new legs for the benches are on their way. She stated that the new soccer goals are also here. J. Brownlee stated that they will not need to be set up until the fall soccer season when the new regulations go into effect.

J. Brownlee asked if there is any way to have a porta-john back in the corner of Hampton Park by the McKeown entrance. She said that D. Bayles usually has one there but it wasn't placed there this year and when they have their practices at McKeown the closest restrooms are at Hampton Park. She said that it's a very far distance to have Kindergarten or 1st grade children have to walk and they really need to have one in the back corner of the park for them.

D. Brownlee asked if there is any way backstops for soccer could be put up so that the ball won't fly into the brush barrier between Hampton Park and Kittatinny fields. He stated that the brush is filled with poison ivy and pricker bushes.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the girl scouts had cleaned up around the 4 memorials in Hampton Park, planted flowers, and mulched. He said that they posted pictures on the Recreation Facebook page. Secretary V. Galizia stated that she will try to send the pictures to the New Jersey Herald and see if they will post it in the paper.

B. Crawn stated that she wanted to have a definite date set for the fall festival. There was a tentative date set for October 7, 2017. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the fire department county parade is always the first Saturday in October so if the Recreation Committee wanted to see about having the fire department do a beer tent at the fall festival then they need to choose a different date. The Recreation Committee agreed to change the date of the Fall Festival to Saturday, October 14, 2017.

B. Crawn stated that she would like to have the 5k be a "Zombie Run" this year and wanted to know if the Recreation Committee wanted to have the course be different this year and venture onto the road or stay at Hampton Park and possibly the KRHS cross country course pending KRHS approval. The Committee agreed there was no reason to need to go onto the street that people seemed to enjoy going through the cross country course last year and it would be a good location for the "zombies". Secretary V. Galizia stated that she has the KRHS facility use request forms that she will fill out and submit for the 5K and Trunk or Treat events which will be on KRHS property.

B. Crawn mentioned the possibility of having a haunted walk at the fall festival but the Committee agreed it would make it too long of a day to have a 5K run earlier in the day, then have all day to fill in with activities until evening to have a haunted walk. The budget is not large enough for the fall festival and there are not enough volunteers to make that possible. J. Brownlee suggested having the haunted walk the same night as the trunk or treat at KRHS. She stated the trunk or treat is hosted in the back parking lot where the path goes up through the woods to the tennis courts. She stated possibly having the Drama Club at KRHS host the haunted walk through the woods.

S. MacKenzie stated that after the last Recreation Committee meeting that he went to two softball games at Hampton Park. He stated that softball put a bench on the walking path so that people walking by could not get too close to the softball players. He said that he did not observe any issues with high traffic going by on the walking path. The Recreation Committee also suggested to Softball President D. Rude at the previous meeting that softball should enforce a “no swinging bats rule” at Little League International has done. The Recreation Committee asked Secretary V. Galizia to send an email to Softball President D. Rude from the Hampton Recreation Committee stating that the Recreation Committee recognized the concerns brought to their attention by the Girls Softball League regarding the possible issue of bats being swung in close proximity of onlookers. Secretary V. Galizia will include Little League International’s rule regarding the use of swinging bats as an example. The Recreation Committee is suggesting that Girls Softball League pass and enforces appropriate League rules to protect the safety of the participants and the public.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that after the last Recreation Committee meeting, Township Administrator E. Klose contacted the Township Insurance & Risk Manager about putting up a sign at Hampton Park stating the walking path is “walk at your own risk”. He made some suggestions as to what to have on the sign which she shared with the Recreation Committee.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary