

Recreation Committee October 25th, 2017

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

ROLL CALL: Blaine Crown, Tim Duvelsdorf, Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Joelle Brownlee, & Oscar Fernandez

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Softball Representative D. Rude

Not Present: Scott MacKenzie, Jeff Calvani, George Hudock, & Katie Rotondi

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 T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to approve the September 27, 2017 Recreation Committee meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Zombie Run & Fall Festival Discussion

Secretary V. Galizia stated that there were 17 vendors at the Fall Festival which brought in an income of \$470 and that there were 20 people that registered for the Zombie Run which brought in an income of \$400.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he wanted to recognize G. Hudock for getting a tractor and hay wagon donated for the day to provide free hay rides to the residents. G. Hudock and R. Kowalski took turns driving the tractor at the Fall Festival. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he felt everyone had a great day and that the Recreation Committee should start planning Hampton Day & the Fall Festival in the beginning of the year to see if there could be more ideas for activities to be going on. He said that he heard great things about the zombie run and suggested maybe trying a “glow stick run” next year. He saw that Mount Olive Recreation had one planned for this year and that it sounds like fun. He will contact Mount Olive to see what the glow stick run consisted of.

J. Brownlee stated that all the kids that volunteered to help at the Fall Festival were fantastic and all did a great job. She stated that she loved the band and the music that they were playing but she felt that a DJ or setting up a fall themed playlist more geared towards kids would be better for this type of event. She stated that if there were more adults or a beer tent that the

band would have been better appreciated, but that for this event that a DJ could have interacted with the kids more.

2. Trunk or Treat at KRHS Parking Lot on Friday, October 27th from 6pm-8pm

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 27th from 6pm-8pm at the back KRHS parking lot under the solar canopies. She stated that set up for trunks will begin at 5pm. Windy Brow Orchards will be donating the donuts for the event and J. Brownlee has called Shoprite to have cookies reserved for pickup. Recreation will have a few tables set up for hot cocoa, apple cider, coffee, donuts, cookies, candy, & treats. The first place trunk will receive 2 tickets to Elf the Musical as well as a \$50 gift card to Applebee's, and the second & third place trunks will receive a \$50 gift card to Applebee's. There will be a \$15 gift card given to the 'scariest, funniest, and most creative' children's costumes. The music will be provided by a playlist that K. Rotondi put together on her iPod. Secretary V. Galizia stated that there were currently 30 people registered for the Trunk or Treat but that she anticipates more signing up by the end of the week and some people showing up that night.

J. Brownlee asked which sports would have a trunk present at the Trunk or Treat and Secretary V. Galizia replied that soccer, basketball, and KMFL have registered to have trunks. Secretary V. Galizia, K. Rotondi, J. Brownlee, G. Hudock, Vice Chairman R. Kowalski, and Chairwoman S. Rude will be present at the Trunk or Treat to run the Recreation Committee table.

J. Brownlee asked if KRHS would have part of the lot roped off for the Trunk or Treat so that people won't be parked back there. She stated that she knows that the football team has an away game that day and wants to make sure that they're not all still parked in that lot. There will be a section for people to park that are just coming to walk around the trunk or treat so that people won't be moving their cars while there are kids running around.

3. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party Friday, December 1st at 7pm

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Party will be on Friday, December 1st at 7pm at the Community Center. Secretary V. Galizia stated that Synergy Dance Company and the KRHS choir will be at the Tree Lighting ceremony. She still needs to contact Santa and the Town Crier to see if they are available. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski and T. Duvelsdorf both have someone that can volunteer to be Santa if E. Hayes is not available. Secretary V. Galizia stated that she will need to order more items for the children's goodie bags this year as all the bags were used last year. Cookies, chocolate Santa's, candy canes, & cocoa will also need to be purchased for the event.

4. Bus Trip to Elf the Musical at Madison Square Garden

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Elf the Musical bus trip has been set up for Saturday, December 16th for the 1pm show. She stated that the bus will leave the Municipal Office at 10am and head to Madison Square Garden then return to the Municipal Office following the

show. Secretary V. Galizia stated that there are 40 tickets total and that 7 of them have been purchased so far plus the 2 that will be given away to the first place trunk winner.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski suggested having the bus leave the Municipal Building at 9am so that people have a little longer before the show to grab something to eat.

5. November Meeting Reminder

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the November meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month, on November 15, 2017, to accommodate for Thanksgiving. The November meeting will include the 2018 budget discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he spoke with DPW Manager D. Bayles about the playground project to see if it's something that can be done in spring 2018. D. Bayles will put together an official proposal for the playground including how much mulch is needed, a time frame, materials needed for the drainage and boarder for mulch, etc. and have it prepared to give to the Township Committee for approval. The Recreation Committee would also like to have the sandbox removed at that time and to have a climbing dome put in its place. Secretary V. Galizia will have the quotes for various domes prepared to go with the paperwork D. Bayles will provide.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that at the last Recreation Committee meeting that he had asked to have what the Recreation Committee is responsible for in writing. Secretary V. Galizia provided the committee with a copy of the Recreation Committee bi-laws and code. He stated that the Hampton Township Code for the Recreation Committee stated that the duties of the Recreation Committee are to initiate & to coordinate recreation programs in the Township of Hampton. He stated that everything in the park is owned by Hampton Township and that permission is needed prior to the Recreation Committee making any changes to the pavilion. He also stated that applies to the recreation fields, that the committee cannot make the decision to allow or not allow groups to use the fields but can make recommendation to the Township Committee on use. The Township Committee relies on the recommendation made by D. Bayles who maintains the fields and can say whether or not they should be rested or can be used.

PUBLIC SESSION

Hampton Softball Representative Dianne Rude stated that her girls' 10u softball team was the champions for softball this year. She stated that spring 2018 will be her last season as the softball director then she will be stepping down after 12 years. She stated that her girls are out of the program and that it's someone else's turn to step up and take softball over. She stated that she has established sponsors, has a checkbook, and is more than happy to go over everything

with anyone that is interested. She stated that she has it advertised on the Hampton Recreation Facebook page and the Township website. She will send out an email blast to all the parents of children in softball letting them know that after the spring 2018, if no one takes over the softball program, there won't be a softball program. She is going to have it printed in McKeown's newsletter and asked when the marquee in front of the Municipal Building is free, can it also be advertised there.

The Recreation Committee thanked D. Rude for all her years running the softball program and that they will help spread the word that a new director is needed.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by O. Fernandez and seconded by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary