

**RECREATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 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 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL: Chairwoman Sue Rude, Jim Cutler, Vice Chairman Jeff Calvani, Daniel Coranoto,

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, David Brownlee- Soccer, Sondra Bell- Basketball, John Major- Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club, Dianne Rude- Softball, Mark Rossi- Kittatinny Little League

Absent: Eileen Junior, Oscar Fernandez, Gene Coltelli, Kirk Kandel

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.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by J. Cutler and seconded by Vice Chairman J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to approve the January 28, 2015 Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. Sports Organization Requirements

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that nothing has changed with the sports requirements this year. The representatives from each sports organization are still required to attend at least 5 monthly meetings per calendar year and have at least one representative assist at a recreation sponsored event. In the event no representatives from a specific sport are able to meet this requirement, there will be a monetary penalty to the organized sport in the following calendar year as decided by a majority vote during a regularly scheduled public recreation meeting. Each sport is also required to submit their certificate of liability insurance for the year, coaches list with NYSCA certifications, filled out facility use form, and field schedule.

2. Cancel June 24, 2015 meeting & hold August 26, 2015 meeting to accommodate for the Hampton Day Fall Festival

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that since Hampton Day will not be in June this year, it will be on September 12th; the June meeting will be cancelled and there will be a meeting on August 26th instead. She stated if something comes up and there is a reason to hold the meeting in June, then the June meeting can be rescheduled at that time.

3. Easter Egg Stuffing at the March 25th meeting! Come help us stuff the Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt which is on Saturday March 28th at 10am, rain date Sunday March 29th.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Recreation Committee will be stuffing Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at the next Recreation Committee meeting, and asked if everyone could be there to help stuff the Easter Eggs. She reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday March 28th at 10:00 am with a rain date of Sunday, March 29th. All members and volunteers to help set up the event need to be there at 9:00 am.

4. United Soccer Academy Summer Soccer Program & Spring Break cost discussion: O. Fernandez

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that O. Fernandez was unable to make it to the meeting tonight to give his thoughts on the program. She asked the public how they felt about the program that was presented. Soccer representative D. Brownlee stated that he would like to talk to O. Fernandez to see if he would be interested in hosting a 2-3 day camp over spring break and host the summer program again. He feels it would be better to use local people over another company.

5. Rutgers Safety Training & Concussion Care Training

Secretary V. Galizia stated that she looked into the program and would be able to have it hosted at Hampton Township for people to be able to get the certification. Basketball Representative S. Bell stated that she likes the idea of the Rutgers program and that it's a onetime fee unlike NYSCA which is an annual fee. Rutgers is a three hour in person course and NYSCA you're able to complete online at your convenience. She stated that she doesn't believe it would work if the Township said they would only accept the Rutgers program because not all the coaches may be able to make it the night the course is offered or may sign on to be a coach after the course is provided and have to be turned away. She stated that if the Township was going to offer to let coaches get certified through the Rutgers training program that they should still accept NYSCA as well for the convenience it provides for online certification.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the program should be offered twice a year as well to accommodate both Spring & Fall sports. She asked Secretary V. Galizia to send a letter to the sports organizations with the date of the course for the spring along with a reminder of all the meeting dates.

6. Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club Field Space Request at Hampton Park for Spring 2015

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club is requesting to use field space in the spring for practice only for the men's and women's lacrosse teams from Kittatinny High School. The request is approximately March 15 through May 15, Monday through Friday from 2:30 – 5:00pm.

Soccer Representative D. Brownlee expressed concern about the damage that the lacrosse teams do to the fields while they're practicing. He stated that they destroy the space in front of the field goals and don't repair it.

Lacrosse Representative J. Major replied that as stated in their field request letter, they will accept responsibility for field maintenance and repair as deemed necessary by Hampton Township at the conclusion of the season. He stated he did not hear any complaints about lacrosse damaging the fields until now but that he would take a look at the fields to see what D. Brownlee is referring to.

Chairwoman S. Rude suggested that once the snow is gone, D. Brownlee, J. Major, a representative from Recreation, and Public Works Manager D. Bayles take a look at the field they are referring to and see if they can't stagger the fields somehow so there won't be that problem in front of the goals for soccer.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

No Open Discussion.

PUBLIC SESSION

Little League Representative M. Rossi stated that Little League is going to have their opening day on April 18th and would like to have a night under the lights on Friday, April 17th. He also asked if there was a date set that the Township wanted to do their Lighting Ceremony and he would try to get as many baseball representatives together as he can.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that she would check with the Township Administrator to see if the lights would be able to begin on April 17th and let him know. She also stated that the Township would like to have the lighting ceremony on Friday, May 1st. She stated that she didn't have an exact time yet, but the idea is to have a celebration about an hour and a half prior to sunset. She asked the sports organizations to get an RSVP back to her as soon as possible with how many people would be attending the Lighting Ceremony.

Softball Representative D. Rude stated that they are aiming to have the softball opening day on April 20th but they may have to push it back another week.

D. Coranoto stated that when the power for the field lights was brought in that the polls were set up for the future layout plan, but it will be up to the sports organizations to put a committee together to raise the funds for future expansion. He stated that Public Works Manager D. Bayles has a copy of the proposed light poles for the fields.

D. Rude asked if the Township can accept a grant from a corporation for the field lights? D. Coranoto stated that this is something that would have to be discussed with Township CFO J. Caruso.

Vice Chairman J. Calvani asked about the status of the walking path. Secretary V. Galizia stated that the plan has been drawn up by Township Engineer Harold Pellow. D. Coranoto stated that the walkway is approximately going to be a half mile long. The next step is obtaining estimates on the costs of paving the walkway.

Basketball Representative S. Bell asked if the basketball court would be paved this year at Hampton Park. Secretary V. Galizia replied that it would be. Paving and lining the basketball court was put on the Recreation budget this year and the budget was just approved by the Township Committee at their last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by Vice Chairman J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary