

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

**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 7:10 PM.

**ROLL CALL: RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Present:**

Chairwoman Susan Rude, Eileen Junior, Vice Chairman Jim Cutler, David West, Oscar Fernandez, Kirk Kandel, Jeff Calvani

**Absent:** Gene Cotelli, Daniel Coranoto

**Also Present:** Valerie Galizia- Recreation Committee Secretary, Sondra Bell- Basketball, Diane Rude- Softball, Liza Kelly- Soccer

**STATEMENT:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the 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: June 27, 2012**

A **MOTION** was made by E. Junior and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to approve the April 25, 2012 minutes.

**PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST**

- 1. Hampton Township Field of Dreams Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show- Saturday, October 13, 2012:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the car show is being held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Hampton Park. The rain date is October 14<sup>th</sup>. So far there are 32 cars signed up for the show and we expect to have more the day of the event. The event is advertised on the Municipal Board, in the Municipal Building, on WSUS radio, Channel 10, the township website, in the NJ Herald, and in the Township Journal. The NJ Mopar group has also distributed over 500 flyers to cars at the various shows they have attended and have put the information on their website as well as other car club sites.
- 2. Pavilion Sign up for Car Show:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the sports teams and recreation committee members need to sign up for a time slot to cook in the pavilion during the car show. The money collected that day from the pavilion, vendor fees, and car entries, will be going to the Field of Dreams foundation for the field lights.

3. **Week for Roman Omen Flag Football Summer Program 2013:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated she and Secretary V. Galizia, and Township Administrator Eileen Klose had met with Roman Omen in May to discuss his flag football program. The committee members agreed to wait to host the program until the summer of 2013 so the kids have another summer program they can attend. The Committee discussed having the program in July before fall sports start to have their practices in August. Secretary V. Galizia will check with Roman on the last week of July being an option for holding the program and with Township Administrator E. Klose if she feels if it should only be Hampton residents or if all the surrounding towns can join.
4. **Budget meeting date for October:** Chairwoman S. Rude suggested having the budget meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
5. **November Meeting Discussion:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the November meeting is set for the 21<sup>st</sup> but that's the day before Thanksgiving. She stated they usually don't meet then that the date is usually pushed up to the week before. She asked the members if they would prefer to meet the week before on the 14<sup>th</sup> or the week after on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The members agreed the week before on November the 14<sup>th</sup> would be a better date for everyone at 7:00pm.
6. **Sports Organizations Contact List for 2013:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the sports organizations contacts are needed for the next upcoming year for the mailing list, website, and newsletter that is sent out annually. She asked if there are any changes with the presidents of the sports teams throughout the year to please contact the municipal building so we can keep all of the information up to date on who to contact if anyone has questions.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Thank you letter to Frank Allocca for his donation to the fireworks for Hampton Day 2012:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated a letter was sent to Frank Allocca on behalf of the Hampton Township Recreation Committee thanking him for his generous donation for the fireworks for Hampton Day.
2. **Thank you letter to KRHS Jazz Band for their performance at Hampton Park:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated a letter was sent to the KRHS Jazz Band thanking them for their performance at Hampton Park. The event was a success and had a hundred people attend.
3. **State of New Jersey: Contracts to assist recreation in purchasing equipment more easily and cost effectively:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the letter from the State discussed contracts to purchase recreational park equipment.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

J. Calvani stated he would like to look into having lines put down for parking spaces at the parking lot by the park. Chairwoman S. Rude responded the recreation committee has been trying to have that done but she's unsure of the reason it's never been completed. J. Calvani stated baseball has a lining machine that can be used to do it that it just requires a different type

of paint for the pavement. He suggested maybe the first year we could have someone put the lines down then the years after volunteers can just go over the existing lines with the lining machine. Soccer Representative L. Kelly stated the Vice President of soccer actually does the lining. D. West stated he has someone that volunteered to engineer the project to situate the parking spaces. J. Calvani stated it turns into a cluster in the parking lot because people just pile in to park and they end up parking all over the place which sometimes results in someone's car getting boxed in or just inefficient parking. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she will bring the idea to the township committee meeting.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that D. Coranoto asked her to mention the Chamber of Commerce will purchase the cookies and maybe the hot chocolate packets for the tree lighting this year.

Secretary V. Galizia stated the Synergy Dance Company called the Municipal Building and would like to dance at the tree lighting ceremony again this year. The members agreed last year's performance was very nice and would love to have the Synergy Dance Company perform at the tree lighting ceremony again this year.

E. Junior stated she spoke with Suzanne at Baleville Church regarding the new pastor singing at the tree lighting. Suzanne informed her that Baleville Church doesn't have a new permanent pastor as of yet but the person who is filling in temporarily does not sing. Chairwoman S. Rude suggested giving Alan Parker a call to see if he would be interested in coming to sing at the tree lighting as he has in the past years.

Softball representative D. Rude suggested asking the Baleville Choir to sing at the tree lighting. E. Junior will contact Suzanne and ask her about the Baleville Church Choir being interested.

J. Calvani asked what happened with the defibrillator program that was offered through Newton Hospital. Secretary V. Galizia responded the defibrillator program needs to be approved through the township committee and she will make sure it is added to their agenda for the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Basketball representative Sondra Bell asked if basketball could have a registration table at the car show event. Chairwoman S. Rude replied that she could. Hopefully they will get them some signups. Basketball signups run until October 20<sup>th</sup>. She also asked if there is a storage area for basketball under the senior center. Chairwoman S. Rude replied that there is, and she will get S. Bell a key and meet with her to show her where the cage is for them.

L. Kelly asked if there is something that can be put in the storage area to help with the moisture issue. She stated it creates a lot of mold, that mold grows on the items and the smell gets into everything that is kept down there including the uniforms. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she will speak with DPW manager Danny Bayles regarding the issue, maybe a dehumidifier can be put down there to help with the moisture.

L. Kelly stated she doesn't see an issue but she has coaches that have a problem with only having one field for practice in the fall season. She has spoken with them stating they do not need a whole field for each team to practice. She said she would mention the issue to the Recreation Committee and see if there were any other alternatives or why the field in the back can't be used.

Chairwoman S. Rude responded that the area used between two of the ball fields used to be used for practice as well and can be used to do drills, training, skills etc for division 6 soccer.

J. Calvani asked why soccer can't practice on the far back field, on the other side of the back soccer field between the McKeown pathway and the tree line. Chairwoman S. Rude responded the back fields are closed to be rested in the fall; the front fields are rested in the spring, that's why Hampton continues to have such nice fields. Soccer should be using the back field in the spring and the front in the fall. It is scheduled that way to coordinate with the soccer and baseball schedule. J. Calvani stated there is an area behind the back field that could potentially be used just for practice. It used to be a field but hasn't been used in years. Chairwoman S. Rude replied that's what the area between the two softball fields was used for, just practicing. J. Calvani stated that sometimes Kittatinny practices or games go longer, that at least the recreation teams could start practicing on the far back area on the other side of the rested soccer field until Kittatinny was done practicing since there are two soccer teams. L. Kelly stated the fall season is the problem since it starts getting dark outside early. Only having the one soccer field to practice on and having to share time with Kittatinny doesn't give the two recreation teams much time to practice before it's too dark. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that nothing can be done about the issue now; the fields have already been closed for resting this fall. She stated maybe next year something different can be worked out. Chairwoman S. Rude stated if the field is open in the spring and fall, and we end up having a wet winter, DPW manager D. Bayles is not going to be able to have the field ready for spring soccer. She stated that's why we have the rotation set up the way that it is now, so we continue to have nice fields that aren't torn up. L. Kelly stated they didn't use the back field in the spring at all; they only used the field in the middle. Chairwoman S. Rude replied girl's lacrosse uses the field for practice in the spring so it is being used.

### **ADJORNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by D. West, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Recreation Committee Secretary