

RECREATION COMMITTEE

APRIL 25, 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, Daniel Coranoto, Jeff Calvani, Gene Cotelli, David West

Absent: Ann Marie Schoelier, Kirk Kandel, Oscar Fernandez,

Also Present: Liza Kelly- Soccer, Robert Kowalski- Baseball, Leon Pollison- Football, Dianne Rude- Softball, Christine Logston- Basketball, Helen Eliezer – Soccer, Dino Vlacher – 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: March 28, 2012

S. Rude asked that a correction be made to the March 28, 2012 minutes to read Jeff Calvani as an Alternate Member.

A **MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by Vice Chairman J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to approve the March 28, 2012 Minutes with the above correction made.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. **Budget Approval:** A **MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by Vice Chairman J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to approve the 2012 budget as written up by the Committee.
2. **Travel Teams Funding:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated it was decided at the budget hearing that the Recreation Committee is not going to allot for travel team funding at this time.
3. **Car Show at the Park Update:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated the car show at the park was approved at the Township Committee meeting and the date is set for Saturday, October 13th, 2012 with the rain date of October 14th, 2012 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. The car show is going to be a fundraiser for the Mike Biron Field of Dreams Foundation to offset the cost of

constructing a building to house the equipment for the field lights. Everyone is encouraged to attend, the Recreation Committee is hoping for a good turn out and to have a fun family day.

4. **Battle of the Bands Update- Dave West:** D. West stated as of right now he does not have an update for the Battle of the Bands so the date is still to be determined.
5. **Hampton Day Update:** Secretary V. Galizia stated things are moving along with Hampton Day. The inflatables have been ordered, vendor applications have been distributed, and prizes have been ordered. There are also going to be fireworks this year. D. Coranoto has received a \$500.00 donation from Intercar Mercedes and just needs to raise \$500.00 more. J. Cutler also mentioned the Boy Scout Troop 96 will have a funnel cake stand at Hampton Day.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Defibrillator program through Newton Medical Center – reduced cost for nonprofits \$770.50** – Chairwoman S. Rude stated Secretary V. Galizia reached out to the Newton Medical Center and asked if they had any sort of program donating defibrillators to nonprofit organizations. Unfortunately, the Newton Medical Center Foundation does not donate defibrillators for free, but they do have a program that offers them at a reduced cost for nonprofits of \$770.50 compared to the \$1541.00 it costs for profit organizations.

D. Coranoto stated he feels the Township should have a defibrillator at the fields in case anything does ever happen, it could save a life. It is also a reasonable price. The only issue is where to keep it from being vandalized in the park. The defibrillator comes in a steel case, but it should probably be put into something stronger because the steel probably would not last. Each team can be given a key to the case. D. Coranoto stated that there should always be someone on site trained to use it.

G. Cotelli mentioned he has researched the defibrillator and it comes in a steel case as well as tells you step by step how to use it so anyone would essentially be able to figure out how to use it.

D. Coranoto stated he still felt a few volunteers should go take the free course at the hospital; it's about two hours long. It would be great if there was a coach or parent to volunteer from each team to get trained, but he realizes that's quite a few people.

Football coach Lean Pollison stated there are some people that are already trained, including himself, and really there only needs to be one trained person on the field. He stated he could be there practicing and if something were to happen to someone on soccer, they could alert him and he could run over and help. It doesn't necessarily need to be someone from each team because that probably will not happen.

A MOTION was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to approve looking into purchasing the defibrillator through the Newton Medical Center.

OPEN DISUSSION

D. Coranoto stated he spoke with the coordinator of Jazz Band in the Park and asked V. Galizia if she received a call at the Township. Secretary V. Galizia responded she had, and that the date is confirmed for Friday, July 27th, 2012 with the time to be announced.

PUBLIC SESSION

Soccer representative Liza Kelly asked Chairwoman S. Rude what to do regarding the incident at the park over the weekend. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she spoke with Administrator E. Klose and other Township Representation. Chairwoman S. Rude was advised through the Township Council that the matter needs to be dealt with by the Soccer Club because it's their coach and they need to deal with it internally. L. Kelly stated that was fine.

Chairwoman S. Rude informed the members of the situation between the Vice President of the Hampton Soccer club, Norman Sellers and a coach. It was opening day for baseball Saturday morning and soccer had asked if they could still use the soccer fields that day. Chairwoman S. Rude said yes, but to please have everyone from both teams park at McKeown and walk over to the soccer fields. The argument came up when N. Sellers saw some soccer parents walking over from "the Pit" (Hampton Recreation Park) parking lot and confronted the coach about not telling the parents. The coach replied she had sent everyone an email letting them know. The argument escalated and started to involve parents trying to enjoy their children's soccer game. The children playing were also subject to the arguing.

L. Kelly stated she had received a text message from N. Sellers stating he will voluntarily step down from the Soccer Club. She was advised from the Recreation Committee to have it documented in writing. L. Kelly stated she will obtain the letter and just wanted to thank S. Rude for all her support that day.

ADJORNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by D. West and seconded by G. Coltelli, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Administrative Assistant