

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

**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 7:06 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Jeff Calvani, Eileen Junior, Chairwoman Susan Rude, Vice Chairman Jim Cutler, Gene Cotelli, Daniel Coranoto

**Also Present:** Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Diane Rude- Softball Representative, Sondra Bell- Basketball Representative, John Wohlleber- Kittatinny Little League Representative

**Absent:** David West, Kirk Kandel, Oscar Fernandez

**STATEMENT:** Chairwoman S. Rude stated this meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of P.L. 1875, 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:** September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

J. Cutler pointed out on page number two under Open Discussion, it was Chairwoman S. Rude that stated the town approved having a lock case with two sets of bocci balls available to the public to use, not himself.

A **MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by E. Junior, with all members in favor, to approve the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Minutes with the correction that Chairwoman S. Rude made the comment not J. Cutler.

### **PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST**

#### **1. Mike Biron Field of Dreams Car Show Amount Raised, T-shirts, backpacks, & wine bags available**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated the car show raised \$1,556.00 this year and had 42 vehicles entered in the show. Everyone that attended the event had great feedback about the show. There were many spectators this year. All recreation committee members and sports organization volunteers did a great job maintaining the pavilion and selling merchandise and 50/50 raffle tickets.

## 2. Budget Introduction

Chairwoman S. Rude stated some of the Recreation Committee members met prior to the meeting at 6:30pm to discuss the 2014 Recreation Committee budget. Secretary V. Galizia stated the draft spreadsheet of the 2014 budget was similar to the previous years, showing the amount that go towards the sports teams annual funding, the Easter Egg hunt, Hampton Day/Fall Fest, The Prince & Princess/Miss Hampton Competition, the holiday tree lighting, and money to be dedicated toward Phase 1 of the Walking Path to be constructed around Hampton Park.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated she felt the project for next year should be putting the walking path project into motion. The first step will be to have an engineer draw up a plan to decide where the path should go around the park. The plan will include where the future exercise stations will be stationed also. J. Cutler stated the exercise stations would be good Eagle Scout projects.

**A MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to allot \$10,000.00 of the 2014 Recreation Budget to go into the Capitol Improvement Fund for the future walking path.

## 3. Recreation Event Dates for 2014 (Hampton Day Discussion)

Chairwoman S. Rude stated Secretary V. Galizia provided a 2014 monthly calendar showing the Recreation Committee meeting dates for 2014 as well as the Recreation Committee sponsored Event dates for 2014. The tentative meeting dates for 2014 are January 22 for reorganization, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, no meetings in July or August, September 24, October 22, and November 19<sup>th</sup>. The tentative event dates are; April 12<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Egg Hunt, May 17<sup>th</sup> for the town wide garage sale, September 27<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Fest/Hampton Day, and December 5<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday Tree Lighting.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated the Hampton Day discussion involves the idea of moving Hampton Day, which is usually in June, to September and calling it the Hampton Day Fall Festival. Every year Hampton Day happens the same weekend as Newton Day as well as other Township Days which takes away from potential vendors and people from coming to Hampton Day. The weather is always up in the air in June as to whether or not it's going to rain. September may be a more suitable month to have the event since there won't be competition with other Township days at that point and the weather tends to be nicer. It can be more of a fall fest as well with hay rides, costume contests, pumpkin patch and could involve the Field of Dreams Car Show to make one large event. The hope is to make it more of a family event over just being a children's day.

D. Coranoto asked how the car show would fit into Hampton Day. Chairwoman S. Rude stated the car show portion could still be earlier in the day, normally its 10:00am-3:00pm and Hampton Day wouldn't normally start until 3:00pm. The day can just flow from the car show to the Fall Festival/Hampton Day. The location of where the car show is held wouldn't conflict with anything. The vendors would still be where they normally are during Hampton Day by the pavilion and the Hayride, pumpkin patch, rides etc. would be along the fence by the ball fields.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that if needed Rec could borrow the lights from the Sheriff's Department to light up the outside area after 6:00pm. The fireworks display may be at the tree lighting instead of Hampton Day so the Hampton Day Fall Festival wouldn't need to run as late as 9/9:30pm.

J. Calvani asked when the fire department's parade is, that maybe we should look into that to make sure it's not the same day. Chairwoman S. Rude stated the Fireman's parade is the first Saturday in October on the 4<sup>th</sup> so it wouldn't conflict with the Fall Fest which would be the last Saturday in September on the 27<sup>th</sup> tentatively. She stated that was just a suggested date, we could always have it on the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**A MOTION** was made by J. Cutler and seconded by G. Cotelli, with all members in favor, to approve moving Hampton Day to the Hampton Day Fall Festival tentatively scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**4. 2014 Summer Rec Program ad for Program Director on website, will be run in the NJ Herald.**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated Rec is trying to find a Program Director for the Summer Youth Program at Hampton Park. Information is on the Township website and an ad will be placed in the NJ Herald. If anyone knows of someone that would be interested in running the program please pass the information along to them or have them contact Secretary V. Galizia at the Municipal Building.

**5. November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Recreation Committee Meeting**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated she just wanted to remind everyone that November's Recreation Committee is on the 20<sup>th</sup> which is the third Wednesday of the month, not the fourth due to Thanksgiving being Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. She asked Secretary V. Galizia to get in contact with the Synergy Dance Company to see if they are interested in doing a dance in front of the tree again this year. Chairwoman S. Rude asked Diane Rude if the girl scouts would be interested in singing carols in front of the tree again. D. Rude responded she will not be available that evening and there have been a few changes to the girl scout troops but she will put the word out and see if she can gather a group to do it. D. Coranoto stated he would check and see if the Chamber of Commerce will be donating the cookies again this year.

**7. Sports Organizations to contact KRHS for field use requests**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated she met with the KRHS sport director, Chris Carroll to discuss field matters and he stated the Recreational sports teams are welcome to fill out field use requests to use the KRHS fields, but they need to apply early. They also need to fill out a facility use form.

**CORRESPONDENCE****OPEN DISUSSION**

J. Calvani stated that he got in contact with the hospital about hosting the defibrillator certification class and the tentative date is Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The course is 3 hours long and the certification is for CPR/defibrillator. The first 12 people are free, any more than that it is \$50.00 per person. He will get in touch with the sports organizations and set the date if it works for everyone.

D. Coranoto stated Mark Vogel who is on the fire department and apart of the sheriff's department is also able to teach the course. Maybe he would teach the course for free to the sports organizations.

D. Coranoto stated that for the car show in 2014 he feels there will be a greater turn out for car entries if the Township sends a letter to each car club inviting them to be a part of the car show instead of the NJ Mopar group giving them flyers. He will tell Secretary V. Galizia a few car clubs to send invitations to.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No public comment. Public Session Closed.

**ADJORNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by E. Junior and seconded by J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Administrative Assistant