

RECREATION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 25, 2012 REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING

THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR MODIFICATION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

FLAG SALUTE: led by Susan Rude at 7:15PM.

ROLL CALL: RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Present: Susan Rude, Jim Cutler, Daniel Coranoto, Eileen Junior, Kirk Kandel.
Absent: Mitch Wilinski, Oscar Fernandez, Gene Cotelli, David West.

Also Present: Liza Kelly- Soccer, Robert Kowalski- Baseball, John Major- Lacrosse, Christine Logston- Basketball.

STATEMENT: 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.

REORGANIZATION

OATH OF OFFICE

SWEARING IN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Susan Rude (1 year term)

The Recreation Committee Secretary swore in Susan Rude. Gene Coltelli, Oscar Fernandez, and Mitch Wilinski were absent and will be sworn in at a later date.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON: Committeeman D. Coranoto nominated Committeewoman Susan Rude to serve as Chairperson for a one year Term. Committeeman K. Kandel seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. All members in favor. Committeewoman S. Rude accepted the nomination.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON: Committeeman D. Coranoto nominated Committeeman Jim Cutler to serve as Vice Chairperson for a one year Term. Committeewoman E. Junior seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. All members in favor. Committeeman J. Cutler accepted the nomination.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: A MOTION was made by Committeeman D. Coranoto and seconded by Committeeman K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to designate the official newspaper to be the New Jersey Herald's Sunday & Daily editions.

TIME, DAY & PLACE OF MEETINGS: A MOTION was made by Committeeman D. Coranoto and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to designate the meeting day to be the fourth Wednesday of every month with exception of July & August which there will be no meeting. The December 19th meeting will also be changed to December 7, 2012 prior to the annual holiday tree lighting. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM at the Hampton Township Municipal Building.

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Committeeman D. Coranoto and seconded by Committeeman K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to approve the October 26, 2011 minutes.

Committeeman D. Coranoto mentioned before continuing with the meeting, he would just like to thank Committeeman J. Cutler for serving as Recreation Committee Secretary. The Committee members showed their appreciation to Committeeman J. Cutler for serving as Recreation Committee Secretary.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. **2012 Budget:** The Committee members reviewed the spreadsheet provided by the Committee Secretary showing the 2010 & 2011 expenses. The Committee members decided to hold off on 2012 budget decisions until next month's meeting so they can better prepare for this year's events after reviewing the previous year's expenses. A MOTION was made by Committeeman D. Coranoto and seconded by Committeeman K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to forward the 2012 Budget discussion to the next meeting.
2. **Dates of 2012 Events**
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt- March 31st, rain date April 1st
 - b. Hampton Day- June 9th 3PM-9PM
 - c. Holiday Tree Lighting- December 7th 7:00PM
 - d. Other Event Ideas- Correspondence Attached.

The Committee members discussed other event ideas to create a more active community. Some ideas for more Township participation included events such as Battle of the Bands, Classic Car Show at the Park, Various Bus Trips, a Committee for Hampton Day to help organize the event, a Talent Show at Hampton Day, and Movies in Motion. Committeeman D. Coranoto also brought up having the KRHS Jazz Band perform in the park pavilion over the summer months. He will look into it further and report back at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **KRHS Project Graduation Tricky Tray Donation- A MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, that the Recreation Committee will donate a Special Tray worth \$75.00 on behalf of the KRHS Project Graduation Committee.
2. **Bill Ceddia-** Juggling Entertainment
3. **Mark Rust-** Great Family Entertainment (guitar playing/singing)

The Committee members discussed contacting Bill Ceddia & Mark Rust as a possibility to use during Hampton Day or a night over the summer.

OPEN DISUSSION

Chairwoman S. Rude started out the open discussion by talking to the four team representatives in attendance about leaving their boxes and garbage in the senior center after using it. Someone is leaving it behind outside the door to the cages. DPW Manager D. Bayles is getting upset because he's tired of hauling it out for them. If it continues then the locks are going to be changed and the teams will not be allowed to have storage access.

Chairwoman S. Rude announced she has also talked to D. Bayles about field number three. Since the weather has been nice, if ground gets frozen he's going to pull the grass up now since it will come up easy and they won't have the ruts from the trucks. Then he will put the clay down and spread it. That field will definitely be done this year before spring.

Chairwoman S. Rude started out the open discussion by reminding the teams they need to submit a copy of their NYSCA Insurance card prior to their first practice and before receiving their annual funding. She stated if she does a random patrol and finds them practicing on the fields without having given their unexpired insurance cards, she will be forced to ask them to leave the field due to the liability issues.

Committeeman D. Coranoto brought up the previous discussion from the October 26, 2011 meeting about by-law changes to address meeting attendance to require Recreation Committee members as well as a representative of each sports organization to be present at least 7 out of 10 meetings. Attendance at meetings for sports organizations would be a requirement for a team to receive their annual funding. To ensure the sports teams do not pick up their annual funding then not attend the meetings, it was decided that if they do not attend the meetings during the current year the following year they will not receive their funding. This will insure that Committee members are dedicated to serving the Recreation Committee as a full member and that the sports teams are more involved with the Recreation Committee. It will ensure more active participation during meetings and get the Recreation Committee up and running for the 2012 year.

Baseball representative Robert Kowalski brought up that it's very difficult to find volunteers to attend the Recreation Committee meetings due to people being on other Boards that meet on the same nights, people that have evening jobs, people that now have two jobs due to the economy, or that have children they need to take care of at home. Committeeman D. Coranoto reiterated that it does not have to be an officer of the sports teams that needs to attend. It could be any member as long as someone is there that acts on behalf of the sports organization for the evening and can relay meeting details back to the organizations. If the teams cannot find anyone to make the meeting, a representative of the team can call Secretary V. Galizia at the Township Municipal Building and let her know why they cannot have anyone attend. The Committee members want people and teams to attend the meetings so they can become more involved. The

Recreation Committee wants to hear what's going on with the teams and visa versa. Committeeman K. Kandel brought up the idea of changing the meetings to a mandatory 6 meetings for each sport instead of 7 for the teams to attend. The Committee members understand while the sports seasons are in effect the coaches & volunteers are very busy and do not have to attend the Recreation Committee meetings. The teams agreed that making 6 meetings would more attainable and fair.

A MOTION was made by Committeeman D. Coranoto and seconded by Committeeman K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to change the mandatory meetings for sports organizations to attend to be 6 Recreation Committee meetings instead of 7 meetings.

A MOTION was made by Committeeman K. Kandel and seconded by Committeeman J. Cutler, with all members in favor, for a representative of each sports organization is to be present at 6 out of the 10 meetings to receive their annual funding for the following year.

Mr. Kowalski brought up the fact that there are a lot of people whom are willing to volunteer their time to help maintain the fields the Hampton Park. He stated people feel that the Recreation Committee has been turning their backs on their volunteering offers and refusing the help. At one time people were able to help rake the fields, mow the lawns, pick out rocks, etc., but much has changed since then with liability issues. Maintenance of the fields is a Township responsibility and DPW Manager Dan Bayles has been beautifully maintaining the fields. If there is litter on the fields or the teams need to do something to prepare for an upcoming game they may be able to offer their services for that. It really depends on the situation, what they would like to do and would need to be brought to the Township Committee for approval. A way that teams or other volunteers can help is from a Recreation standpoint. They can volunteer for events that the Recreation Committee is hosting and always need volunteers. Teams can donate some of their funds for things such as seed for the fields as well if they would like to donate that way.

PUBLIC SESSION

John Major asked to formally approach the Recreation Committee on behalf of the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club to utilize the field space at the Hampton Park for the purposes of providing practice space for the men's and women's lacrosse teams from KRHS. The request is for the 2012 spring season their runs from approximately March 15 through May 15, Monday through Friday from 2:30-5:00PM. It is recognized that both the men's and women's high school lacrosse program will be privately sponsored by the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club not KRHS.

Mr. Major also mentioned, as agreed to in the past, that both the men's and women's high school lacrosse teams and KYLC accept full responsibility of the following: moving & returning any field equipment at end of each day, repairing all lining responsibilities of the fields, and at the conclusion of the season, KYLC will accept responsibility for field maintenance and/or repair as deemed by Hampton Township (fertilizing, seeding, and sodding if necessary).

The Committee stated that the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club can have use of the fields at that time. There have never been any problems with them and they have always cleaned up after themselves as well as been off the fields by 5:00PM so soccer can have use of the field. Chairwoman Sue Rude will bring the letter forward to the Township Committee Meeting on

January 31st, 2012 and Secretary V. Galizia will forward Mr. Major a confirmation letter once everything is formally established.

Robert Kowalski approached the Committee members and asked when the batting cage would be ready. Committeeman D. Coranoto stated DPW Manager D. Bayles has been working on the batting cage and it will be completed by March before softball and baseball start practicing.

Mr. Kowalski also asked what the teams would be receiving for funding this year. The Committee stated that the teams will be receiving the same amount they did the previous year, that 50% of the Sport Organization funding is allocated and set aside for Recreation Committee use. The reason a decision was made to reduce the sports funding 50% was because the sports teams would not present a budget of what they were going to be spending the money on that year. The Township felt it was reasonable donations funds for the teams and the other half would go toward field upgrades, special projects or events. Last year's money was being put towards the batting cage project.

Funds cannot be carried over year to year. Township surplus funding amount is set by the State, and is being drawn from to keep from raising resident's taxes. It may be possible to designate funds as capital improvement for long term projects, such as the walking path, but it needs to be for a specific cause. Mr. Kowalski asked if a copy of the Minutes from the meeting that discussed cutting the team's budget and what that money was going to be used for be brought to next month's meeting for review.

Prior to adjournment, Committeeman K. Kandel and the rest of the Committee members thanked the teams in attendance for coming to the meeting.

ADJORNMENT

A MOTION was made by Committeeman K. Kandel and seconded by Committeeman D. Coranoto, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Administrative Assistant