

Recreation Committee March 22, 2017

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:10pm.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Blaine Crown, Jeff Calvani, Joelle Brownlee, Tim Duvelsdorf, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Oscar Fernandez

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Soccer Representative Michael McCaughey, Little League Representative Brandt Anderson, Kittatinny Midget Football League Representative/ Basketball Representative Dawn Costello, Soccer Representative David Brownlee, Softball Representative Katie Ennis, Peer Leadership Representative Madison Mailioux, Peer Leadership Representative Karen Ruitenberg, Basketball/Soccer Representative George Hudock, Hampton Township Democrat Katie Rotondi, and Summer Recreation Program Coordinator Jerri Dalling

Not Present: Scott MacKenzie

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 location of posted notices in the municipal building.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by J. Brownlee and seconded by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to approve the February 22, 2017 meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am at Hampton Park

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Kittatinny Hampton Recreation Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am at Hampton Park. In the event of bad weather, the Egg Hunt will be held in the KRHS library. Peer Leader Representative Karen Ruitenberg stated that the Hampton Township PTA will be hosting a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" at McKeown School on the same date starting at 9:30am. She suggested having the Egg Hunt pushed back to a later time so that children do not have to pick one event over the other. The Recreation Committee agreed to change the time of the Easter Egg Hunt to begin at 11:00am. Setup time for the Egg Hunt will be between 9am-9:30am at Hampton Park. The KRHS peer leaders will supply 2,000 stuffed eggs, face painters, balloon animals, and games. J. Brownlee stated that she will pick up the caution tape for the Egg Hunt, put together 12 special prizes, a music playlist, and purchase some refreshments. Secretary V. Galizia was asked to make sure the power is turned on in the pavilion for the coffee pots and to be sure there will be at least one porta john for the event since the pavilion will not be open at that point in time. She will also update the time for the egg hunt on the event flyers.

2. KRHS Jazz Band to perform at Hampton Park on Saturday May 20th. Time TBD.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the KRHS Jazz Band agreed to a performance at Hampton Park on Saturday May 20th. The Recreation Committee agreed that a later afternoon time would be the best for the performance in the park. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked Little League Representative Brandt Anderson to make sure there are no later scheduled games for that day in the park. He also suggested the possibility of Little League opening the Snack Shack to sell refreshments if the Jazz Band is not planning on selling anything. B. Anderson said that he can speak with the Jazz Band conductor Jarred Mathis to see what their plan is for the evening and if they would mind if Little League sold concessions. He will report back at the next Recreation Committee meeting.

3. Hampton Day- Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 3:00pm-dusk

Chairwoman S. Rude asked if the Hampton Day Committee had anything to report on Hampton Day. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has a small committee of volunteers started and that he is in the works for setting up the first Hampton Day Committee meeting. He will contact the Recreation Committee members when the date is set up. He stated that he has contacted a few different firework companies to discuss pricing and types of fireworks displays.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OPEN DISCUSSION

J. Calvani asked if there was an update on the graffiti issue. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that S. MacKenzie is looking into that and asked her to relay the following information at the meeting: The graffiti discussion is on hold, his next meeting with the trails people will be next week, then he will have more information.

B. Crawn stated that she wanted to know for the 5K run in the fall if the Recreation Committee would like to keep the 5K course on Hampton Park & Kittatinny property again or if they would like to change up the course and go on the roadways. She stated that if they wanted to go on the road that she would need to start preparing the course now so that she has time to acquire the necessary permits and road assistance. The Recreation Committee agreed that everyone enjoyed last year's course and to just keep the 5K to the Hampton Park area and over at Kittatinny.

B. Crawn stated that she feels more advertising needs to be done for the 5K to reach more than just the local population. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski suggested trying the websites some of the runners had suggested to her at the 5K last year and for her to look into other ways of advertising.

B. Crawn stated that last year the profit made from the 5K was to go towards park improvements. She stated that softball is in need of new benches and would like to suggest that the profits go towards new softball benches. In return, softball will help run the 5K.

J. Brownlee stated that soccer is also in need of a set of new goals which they need to get for the upcoming fall season. Soccer has changed the standard for the goal sizes needed for the different age groups. As of right now there is a set of smaller goals and a set of larger goals. They are still keeping both of the current goal sizes but are adding a midsized soccer goal as well. The cost for a set of goals is \$2,199 delivered. O. Fernandez stated that if they order with multiple towns, they may be able to get a discount for a bulk order.

R. Kowalski stated that he will talk to DPW Manager D. Bayles about purchasing benches for softball and the goals for soccer. There is money in the Recreation budget to be able to purchase the equipment with Township Committee approval if the equipment is not purchased through the DPW parks budget.

O. Fernandez stated that soccer will be adding an evening session to the summer soccer camp. He stated that there will be a 9am-3pm session and a 5pm-8pm session.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she received a message from S. MacKenzie to relay that he has no further information other than his last email to the Recreation Committee members on the Summer Recreation Program. He stated that Vice Chairman R. Kowalski was to look into having the Hampton Township Educational Foundation to run the summer program through their organization. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has contacted the Hampton Township Educational Foundation but is still waiting on hearing back from them.

Secretary V. Galizia stated that Mr. George Hudock is interested in joining the Recreation Committee. Mr. Hudock stood up and introduced himself to the Recreation Committee. The Committee members agreed that Mr. Hudock would be a great addition to the Recreation Committee and decided to send the recommendation to add him to the Recreation Committee as a member to the Township Committee for approval.

PUBLIC SESSION

K. Ruitenbergh stated that she was interested in looking into starting an Intramural Field Hockey Program. She stated there would only be practices and scrimmages; there will not be any games played with other schools. She stated that practices would take place on the KRHS fields but she wanted to know if there was anything she needed to submit to the Hampton Recreation Committee. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that if they are not practicing on Hampton's fields then there is nothing that she needs to submit to the Hampton Recreation Committee. He stated that if she would like Hampton to help promote the program to send the information over once she has it.

Township Resident Katie Rotondi introduced herself to the Recreation Committee and expressed her interest in joining the Hampton Recreation Committee as well. She stated that she

grew up in Hampton Township and that she would like to get more involved in things happening in Hampton.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by R. Kowalski and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary