

**RECREATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

**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 7:05 PM.

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

**Also Present:** Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Joelle Brownlee-  
Soccer/Basketball,  
David Brownlee- Soccer, John Major- Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club, Rob Kowalski-  
Kittatinny Little League, Leon Pollison- Kittatinny Football, Diane Rude- Softball

**Absent:** Oscar Fernandez, Daniel Coranoto, Kirk Kandel

**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 locations of posted notices in the municipal building.

**MINUTES:** A MOTION was made by E. Junior and seconded by Vice Chairman J. Calvani, with all members in favor, to approve the January 22, 2014 minutes.

**PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST**

**1. Kittatinny Lacrosse Club requesting to use field space in the spring.**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that Kittatinny Lacrosse Club's spring field space request was tabled at the last meeting so she could clarify that it's the high school using the fields, not the elementary school. She stated that it is the high school just as in previous years. The field is just used for lacrosse practices and the games are played at the high school.

Soccer representative J. Brownlee asked that lacrosse use different color paint for their lines other than white so it doesn't confuse the soccer players. She stated that they would need two fields for use this year due to the amount of soccer players. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that

there will be enough room for everyone to play and that lacrosse will be off the fields by 5:00pm and will maintain the fields as they have done in the past.

There was a discussion as to why the high school uses the Hampton Park fields for practices thereby tearing up the fields and not doing great job at maintaining them afterwards. If they high school is going to use Hampton's fields so regularly they should do more to repair them after the season is over or contribute money for Recreation to have someone take care of it. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she had a meeting with Chris Carroll, Township Administrator Eileen Klose, Department of Public Works Manager Daniel Bayles, and Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia to discuss adding extra maintenance to the fields that the high school uses, and Chris Carroll agreed.

**A MOTION** was made by G. Cotelli and seconded by J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to approve the spring field use request from the Kittatinny Lacrosse Club.

## **2. Hampton Day Discussion**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that at the last meeting it was decided to have Hampton Day on June 7, 2014, but there is a conflict with that date so another date must be chosen. She stated that June 28, 2014 would not be a good date either since she will not be available that day. June 14<sup>th</sup> is probably going to be Newton Day and Sparta Day. She stated that it will also be the Township's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration as well.

**A MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman J. Calvani and seconded by G. Cotelli, with all members in favor, to make Hampton Day/150<sup>th</sup> Celebration June 21, 2014.

## **3. Sports Organization Requirements**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that before the sports organizations can use the Hampton Park Recreational Fields that they must have the following: Certificate of Liability Insurance for the year, their coaches list with NYSCA Certifications, a filled out Facility Use Form, their requested field use dates, and that they must attend at least five monthly Recreation Committee meetings and volunteer to help at one Township event in order to receive their annual funding. She stated that everyone was in compliance last year but that she just needs to reiterate what the teams must do so there are no problems come time to start practices.

- 4. Easter Egg stuffing at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Come help us fill the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Easter Bunny volunteer needed (can count as required help for annual sports funding)**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Hampton Park. She stated that help will be needed at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Recreation Committee meeting to help stuff the Easter Eggs so attendance is appreciated.

- 5. Town Wide Garage Sale- Saturday May 17, 2014 from 8:00am-3:00pm**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Town Wide Garage Sale will be Saturday May 17, 2014 from 8:00am-3:00pm this year. It will be the same as the one last fall where people would pay \$10.00 to get their address put on the garage sale map and all the proceeds would go towards the future walking path to be constructed around Hampton Park. Advertising will be done through a flyer sent to McKeown School, advertised in the NJ Herald, listed on Hampton Township's website and Hampton Township's board out front. Chairwoman S. Rude asked if there is a sports organization that would be interested in volunteering to sell the garage sale maps for \$1.00 and they would be able to keep the money they collect that day as a fundraiser for themselves. She also stated that if there are any crafters or vendors that the sports organization can draw in that they can also pay the \$10.00 to them to set up their own table at the park to sell their goods. Soccer representative J. Brownlee stated that soccer will sell the maps and refreshments as they did last year and will direct the vendors if anyone would like to set up a table near them.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Vice Chairman J. Calvani stated that he feels a coach from each sports team should be certified to use the defibrillator. G. Cotelli stated that he feels it's better to recommend that to the sports organizations but not to make it a requirement because not as many people would volunteer to be coaches due to the liability. Most coaches are certified. The Committee agreed to recommend that all coaches be certified but that it's not a requirement.

Little League representative R. Kowalski asked if there is a designated area for the defibrillator yet. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the location for the defibrillator has not been decided at this point in time and that they are working on finding a good protective case for the defibrillator. R. Kowalski suggested putting a small overflow shed attached to the electrical housing unit to put the defibrillator in. The sports organizations agreed to all chip in some money to do it. The sport organizations would be able to get into the overflow shed and the defibrillator would be in its protective case inside of the shed. That way the defibrillator would

be protected from vandalism and be something the sports organizations would be able to get into if they ever needed to in case of an emergency.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Little League Representative R. Kowalski suggested having the Fire Department send a few volunteers down with the ambulance on Saturdays when there are multiple games going on at Hampton Park. He stated that the sports can each chip in some money to donate to the Fire Department for their time for being there. He as well as other parents, would feel a lot better knowing they're right there if anything happens on the field which it has a few times throughout the year with more contact sports such as football and soccer.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that her husband is on the Fire Department and that she will look into it.

Soccer Representative J. Brownlee asked if a port-a-john could be moved closer to the back of the fields by the McKeown path. She stated that when she has one of the little children that need to go that's practicing a McKeown's field that walking all the way to the middle of Hampton Park is really hard for them. She suggested having one by the entrance to the park, one mid-field and one back by the McKeown so they are evenly distributed.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she would ask DPW Manager D. Bayles to have the port-a-john company put them in those places when they deliver them to the park.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman J. Calvani and seconded by E. Junior, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Recreation Committee Secretary