

RECREATION COMMITTEE

APRIL 24th, 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 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL: Jeff Calvani, Jim Cutler, Eileen Junior, Daniel Coranoto, Kirk Kandel, Susan Rude

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Diane Rude- Softball/baseball/soccer, Leon Pollison- KMFL/basketball/baseball

Absent: Gene Cotelli, David West, 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: March 20th, 2013

A **MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by E. Junior, with all members in favor, to approve the March 20th 2013 Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. Matt Storch Hampton Summer Camp Program

Chairwoman S. Rude stated Matt Storch was in touch with Township Administrator Eileen Klose to discuss his interest in hosting the Hampton Summer Camp Program at Hampton Park. The camp would begin on or near Monday, June 24th and run for four weeks from the hours of 8:30am – 12:30pm. Ages would include children entering 1st grade – 6th grade in September. The cost would be \$100.00 a week per child. The staff would include teenagers looking to fulfill/acquire volunteer hours for school and/or church organizations. He's currently in discussion with Kittatiny in an effort to schedule some swim time during camp. Some of the presenters/organizations might include the following: 4-H Seeing Eye program, Space Farms, Magician/illusionist, local bee keeper organization, and Smoky the Bear and the Forest Fire Service. Other programs they have looked into include the Delaware Raptors (presenter brings several birds of prey), the Pequest Fish Hatchers, and lessons in line dancing. They are also considering teaching the Project Wild curriculum which incorporates ecosystem and wildlife

simulation. Another idea is to have parents volunteer and give demonstrations in something of interest they do either professionally or as a casual hobby.

Diane Rude stated Mr. Storch is a teacher at the Frankford School and lives in Hampton Township. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she felt the program is a good idea and though the cost is higher than what children were charged in the past, it seems like he will be doing a lot with them. She stated he should also have a background check done but that would be done after the Summer Camp is approved by the Township Committee.

D. Coranoto also stated he needs to supply his certificate of liability insurance and to make sure it's the right coverage.

A MOTION was made by J. Calvani and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to approve the Hampton Summer Camp Program and send the information on to be approved by the Township Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

OPEN DISUSSION

Chairwoman S. Rude stated Newton Hospital will be providing a CPR/defibrillator certification class for coaches and those interested at no cost to the township. She would prefer all head coaches to go for the training so that there would always be someone available at the fields in case an emergency should ever happen. She was asked to get dates that people are free within the next week so she can try and set the day. She also needs to know how many people will be at the class.

L. Pollison asked "since football has coaches from Hampton but also from other towns would the other coaches not from Hampton be able to take the class as well?" Chairwoman S. Rude replied yes that the other coaches will still be practicing on Hampton's fields at times so they should be trained on how to use the defibrillator.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated they're still trying to figure out where to place the defibrillator unit at the park where it will not be vandalized. She stated they were thinking of putting it in a gun case in front of the camera so if it does get tampered with at least we can find the culprits.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated on Saturday May 4th at 8:30am – 4:00pm there will be a Food Handler's Certification Class at McKeown Elementary School. The course is \$3.00 a person and must sign up with Dan Coranoto.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated at the last meeting there was a discussion regarding the back field being available for practice in the fall. As of right now the field will be closed again. The size of the soccer field was changed and they couldn't use the field at McKeown. L. Kelly asked if the field could be lined in the back for soccer to use in the spring. Since that field will be used in the spring then the field will have to be rested in the fall. It will not be open in the fall for practice.

L. Pollison asked to wait to make a decision to officially close the back field in the fall until closer to the fall. He stated no one can know what will happen in the spring. The field might not get too badly torn up and be able to be used in the fall. Chairwoman S. Rude responded that she understands but she had spoken with DPW manager D. Bayles whom brought it up at the Township Committee meeting. The Township Committee stated if the field is used in the spring then it must be closed to rest in the fall. That's how Hampton Township maintains such nice fields for the sports organizations is by making sure the grounds are properly cared for and not overused. L. Pollison asked that the committee just wait until the summer to decide whether or not to close the field. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she does not have the final say in whether or not to close the fields, the ultimate decision is made by the Township and she is going by what they said at the last meeting. She stated that it can always be re-evaluated come the end of the summer.

J. Cutler stated he feels the Recreation Committee should buy an ad in the NJ Herald for Hampton Day like Newton Township does. That would make more advertising for the day. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she is waiting to hear if there are going to be fireworks at Hampton Day this year or not before really advertising.

J. Cutler also stated if there is advertising done they should include bringing food for the Boy Scouts Troop 96 food drive for local families. The Boy Scouts are also going to be doing the funnel cakes again this year as well.

Secretary V. Galizia stated the inflatables are reserved. She got a bounce house, a dual lane slide, a 77' obstacle course, a trampoline bungee and rock wall. The tent rental and dance floor are also booked. There will also be sand art and a juggler at Hampton Day this year. The fire department will be running the pavilion.

Vice Chairman J. Cutler asked if the Recreation Committee should look into purchasing new street signs to advertise for Hampton Day. Chairwoman S. Rude replied they cannot be placed on the road but they can be placed on people's properties if they consent. She's not sure that it's worth purchasing new signs for the few that people will see. She asked Secretary V. Galizia if there will be a photo booth this year. Secretary V. Galizia replied not this year that they are expensive to rent and she will look for better prices for next year. She stated there are a few vendors so far, the vendors are now required to provide a certificate of liability insurance to have a stand at Hampton Day or any other township event. D. Coranoto stated he would bring up having fireworks at Hampton Day at the next Township Committee meeting.

D. Coranoto stated he took the fryer to get fixed again and it was the reset button that tripped out. He stated he spoke with Keith about purchasing another fryer if something happens again to the current one and Keith is willing to pay half of the cost. D. Coranoto stated there is a fryer available for \$461.00 that's a little larger than the one that's currently in the pavilion. It also has two sections so fries and chicken tenders or some other food may be cooked at the same time. If the new fryer is purchased if anyone else wants to use it in the pavilion they must ask Keith for permission first.

J. Calvani asked if the lines on the back parking lot by the park have been painted yet. L. Pollison replied that the lines are completed; he noticed the last time he parked there.

PUBLIC SESSION

Bryce Cutler of Boy Scout Troop 96 introduced himself to the Recreation Committee. He stated he needs to do an Eagle Scout project and heard that the Recreation Committee is interested in adding a Bocci Ball Court to Hampton Park. He said his troop will be helping him. The Committee felt it would be a great idea. D. Coranoto instructed B. Cutler to get in touch with DPW Manager Danny Bayles regarding how to install the Bocci Ball Court. D. Bayles has the measurements and materials to use. It will be installed by the batting cage along the fence line. Chairwoman S. Rude stated to call D. Bayles and make an appointment with him; he's there daily until 3:30pm.

L. Pollison asked if the vouchers are ready for sports organizations to pick up and what they need to do to get them. Chairwoman S. Rude replied he needs to see Jessica Caruso to pick up the check. Before doing so each sports organization must provide their certificate of liability insurance for the year and NYSCA certificates for each of the coaches before they will receive their check. A representative of each sports organization must also be present at at least 5 out of the 9 meetings and attend one township event to help out. If the President of the sports organization steps down and someone new takes over, it is the sports organizations responsibility to pass the information along to the new president as to what they need to do.

L. Pollison asked if a treasury report can be brought to each Recreation Committee meeting. He stated he as well as others are interested in what the money Rec receives is spent on each year. He would like to be updated at each meeting what is left in the account. Chairwoman S. Rude stated Secretary V. Galizia will be back from maternity leave soon and will be able to get the treasury report together for the next meeting. D. Coranoto stated the budget was just approved through the township committee at \$30,000.00 as previous years. The Recreation Committee submits a budget of what they plan on spending the money on as well. D. Coranoto stated a third of the budget goes to the sports organizations for their annual funding.

D. Coranoto stated if sports teams don't meet the criteria for their funding or the Recreation Committee doesn't spend the whole amount the Township designates for them each year; the money goes back into the general fund by law. L. Pollison asked who maintains the park fields; does the money come out of the Rec budget or Township budget? D. Coranoto stated it comes out of the Rec budget but some comes from the high school teams that use the park fields for their practices. L. Pollison asked why the Recreation Committee doesn't have a separate fundraising account so Rec can make money and deposit the money into an account to save towards a large project that may take a few years to save up for. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she spoke with CFO J. Caruso regarding that and she stated per the accountant that Rec cannot do that. L. Pollison stated his example would be with the Mike Biron Field of Dreams Car Show, the Recreation Committee ran the event and donated the proceeds the go towards the field lighting. When Mike Biron Jr was handed the money he was handed checks and cash. L. Pollison stated if a fundraiser is done that all the money should be deposited into an account so there is a record of it and then one check for the total amount should be given. Chairwoman S. Rude replied she understands but Rec can't write a check from an account they don't have. The car show was run through the Hampton Educational Foundation that's why the money was not deposited into an account at Hampton Township. L. Pollison stated he was just trying to come

up with ideas so the Recreation Committee could do more fundraising and deposit the money they make into an account to save for larger projects or projects down the road.

D. Coranoto stated to settle the confusion on the Recreation Committee budget and what they're allowed to do that township CFO Jessica Caruso should be asked to attend next month's meeting to explain the account situation to everyone. Secretary V. Galizia will see if she is able to come to the next meeting.

D. Rude asked if each of the sports teams contributed \$50.00 to be deposited into a "fundraising" account that could be used at fundraising events to make money to put towards large or future projects could we use that? Chairwoman S. Rude stated that's what we need J. Caruso to come to the meeting and answer.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated the project they want to try to do this year is the basketball court. She stated her long term project is the walking path.

K. Kandel stated everyone is in agreement with L. Pollison, they would like to have the "fundraising" account if they can to be able to save money for future projects. It's just a matter if we can or not. Other towns have other ways of doing things; the same thing may not work for us that works for them.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated basketball representative S. Bell came in to Hampton Township at the end of the basketball season to get the 2013 funding. It was explained to S. Bell about coming to the meetings, volunteering to help at one recreation committee event, having the NYSCA certifications, and the certificate of liability insurance. She never handed her 2013 NYSCA or insurance in until after the season was over. Secretary V. Galizia mailed two letters to her residence and tried contacting her through email and phone with no replies. Since we have that rule, she was told she could not receive the funding since she failed to meet the criteria. The same goes for all sports the only difference is other sports teams that use the Hampton fields have more motivation to hand in these items because they cannot practice on the fields until they hand everything in. Basketball can't be held back from practicing since they use McKeown School. The guidelines were explained to her when she attended the September meeting, Christine Logsdon gave her all the information, and the secretary attempted to reach her multiple times. They will receive their annual funding; they just are not going to receive it right now. They may get it in November when their season starts if they meet the criteria to be eligible for it.

D. Coranoto stated he is not taking sides just relaying the message that S. Bell claims C. Logsdon never passed the information along to her when she took basketball over. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she saw the letter C. Logsdon wrote to give to S. Bell when she took basketball over. She stated it was also explained to her at September's meeting as well as at the Field of Dreams Car Show in October. J. Cutler stated he feels she should come to the Rec meetings especially to have a discussion over this.

A MOTION was made by J. Cutler and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to hold giving basketball their funding until the fall to see if they meet the criteria of coming to the Rec meetings, helping at an event, and have their coaches list for the season in along with their NYSCA and certificate of liability insurance.

L. Pollison stated it's not fair to the kids for Rec not to give them their funding because one parent was irresponsible. Chairwoman S. Rude replied that Recreation is here for the kids, that basketball will receive their funding in the fall if they follow the guidelines, and Recreation isn't punishing anyone; there are rules to follow to receive the funding to ensure safety for the kids. It was explained last year that it is the head of the organizations responsibility to follow the guidelines in order to receive the funding. If they fail to follow through then they are the ones responsible for not getting the funding. It's not fair to Recreation or the Township to have to hunt down the person responsible and continue to have failed attempts to get in touch with them or have them not respond. K. Kandel asked why she needs the money now instead of when their season begins in November. He stated if she has outstanding balances or a specific reason as to why she needs the funding now instead of when basketballs season begins in the fall, they we can discuss giving her funds now but she has to be present at the meetings to explain her situation to the committee.

D. Coranoto stated he doesn't want to punish the kids by not giving them their funding but there has to be some sort of orderly fashion to ensure we have everything we need. He stated Hampton Township is one of the few townships out of the state of New Jersey to give money out to the sports organizations. A lot of teams and organizations raise their own money. He stated how the Town is working to put the field lighting in and most towns that have field lights don't even pay for the electric bill, they charge the teams for it. He stated of course the adults that have children want the money to go towards their kids but there's also the other side of people that don't have children or their children are older that would rather the money go towards something else. It's not fair to the teams that followed the guidelines to have someone that doesn't to get the same things they do. Unfortunately if one person drops the ball and is forgiven, everyone else will feel they should be given the same forgiveness if they fail to meet all the criteria.

A MOTION was made by K. Kandel and seconded by D. Coranoto, with all members in favor, to table the decision until the May 22nd meeting where they are able to discuss the situation with basketball representative S. Bell.

L. Pollison asked why basketball needs to supply the NYSCA certification since they don't practice on Hampton Township's fields, they practice at McKeown School. Chairwoman S. Rude replied to protect the township. If a coach ever got sued in a lawsuit they wouldn't just go after that person, they would go after Recreation as well as the town. The town needs to be sure that each of the coaches that will be interacting with children is certified to do so and in that certification ethics and a code of conduct is covered as well. L. Pollison stated he doesn't understand why an organization that doesn't use Hampton's fields needs to supply certification. He stated he would like to see the rule by the township that states all sports teams need to supply NYSCA certification for funding.

L. Pollison stated Rec should look into having Rutgers come up to Hampton to do a onetime \$50.00 certification. Its good forever, coaches wouldn't have to do NYSCA ever again. It's the same as NYSCA just through a different organization. If someone was to volunteer to be a coach for only one year it wouldn't be worth it for them. Chairwoman S. Rude stated we would still need an update on coaches because there are new coaches that would need to be certified every year so it might not be practical for there to be a Rutgers training class.

L. Pollison stated he will bring all the information on the training program to the next Rec meeting.

ADJORNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by J. Cutler and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Administrative Assistant