

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 22, 2014  
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 7:10PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Jeff Calvani, Oscar Fernandez, Susan Rude, Daniel Coranoto, Kirk Kandel, Eileen Junior (7:25PM), Jim Cutler (7:25PM)

**Also Present:** Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Joelle Brownlee- Soccer, David Brownlee- Soccer, Diane Rude- Softball, Cristy Mulroy- Basketball & Football

**Absent:** Gene Cotelli

**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.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

#### **SWEARING IN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Kirk Kandel -5 year term  
Daniel Coranoto- 5 year term

The Recreation Committee Secretary swore in Kirk Kandel and Daniel Coranoto.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Susan Rude; Yes, Jeff Calvani; Yes, Oscar Fernandez; Yes, Kirk Kandel; Yes, Daniel Coranoto; Yes

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON:** Daniel Coranoto nominated Jeff Calvani to serve as Vice Chairperson for a one year Term. Oscar Fernandez seconded the nomination. Jeff Calvani nominated Jim Cutler but he was absent from the meeting so was not able to accept the nomination. All members in favor for Jeff Calvani. Jeff Calvani accepted the nomination.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Susan Rude; Yes, Jeff Calvani; Yes, Oscar Fernandez; Yes, Kirk Kandel; Yes, Daniel Coranoto; Yes

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Susan Rude; Yes, Jeff Calvani; Yes, Oscar Fernandez; Yes, Kirk Kandel; Yes, Daniel Coranoto; Yes

**TIME, DAY & PLACE OF MEETINGS:** A MOTION was made by 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 November meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month on November 19, 2014 to accommodate for Thanksgiving. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM at the Hampton Township Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Susan Rude; Yes, Jeff Calvani; Yes, Oscar Fernandez; Yes, Kirk Kandel; Yes, Daniel Coranoto; Yes

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES:** A MOTION was made by K. Kandel and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to approve the November 20, 2013 minutes.

### **PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST**

#### **1. Hampton Day Fall Festival Discussion**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that the Committee needed to have a discussion regarding the Fall Festival for 2014. She stated it was brought to the Township Committee and though they feel the Fall Festival is a great idea, they feel it should be postponed to 2015 due to the County Fireman's Parade which is taking place Saturday, October 4, 2014 and is being hosted at Hampton Park. They feel it wouldn't be fair to have two large events so close together for various reasons. Chairwoman S. Rude asked for suggestions on dates in June 2014 to have Hampton Day and that next years Recreation Committee can plan to have the Hampton Day Fall Festival.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated everyone needs to commit a few hours to help at Hampton Day this year, everyone knows the date and needs to plan accordingly.

K. Kandel stated Kittatinny High School's graduation is set for either June 17<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup> so the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> would not be a good time to have Hampton Day. Newton Day and Sparta Day are always the second Saturday of the month. Hampton Township wants to try and

avoid having it the same day as surrounding Municipalities. K. Kandel suggested having Hampton Day be the first Saturday of June which is June 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated it used to be the first Saturday of the month then it was changed at some point.

**A MOTION** was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to approve Hampton Day for June 7, 2014.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated Keith Fletcher would not be running the pavilion this spring. She stated since the Recreation Committee would not be hosting the Field of Dreams Car Show this year where Recreation usually makes money to be able to put towards the Field of Dreams fund, she feels Recreation should run the pavilion at Hampton Day with the help of the sports organizations. She stated it would be the same as the car show with two hour slots in the pavilion and can count as one of the required events for sports organizations to participate in for their annual funding. The Committee & sports organizations agreed that would be a good idea.

## **2. Dates of 2013 Events**

- a. Easter Egg Hunt- April 12, 2014, Rain Date April 13, 2014 at 10:00AM
- b. Town Wide Garage Sale- Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>
- c. Hampton Day- June 7<sup>th</sup> 3PM-Dusk
- d. Tree Lighting- December 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

## **3. Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00PM is the mandatory sports organization meeting.**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated February 26<sup>th</sup> will be the mandatory sports organization meeting so all the sports organizations need to make sure they have someone available to represent them that evening.

## **4. Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Party to Raise Funds for the Mike Biron Field of Dreams Lighting Project.**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated the Mike Biron Field of Dreams Foundation is having a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on Valentine's Day to raise funds for the field lighting project at Hampton Park. It will take place at "The Barn" at Hillside Park, Lake Iliff Road in Andover Township from 7:00PM-Midnight. It will be a buffet dinner with live music by the Snake Oil Willie Band. Tickets are \$45.00 a person and are available for purchase through Township Administrator Eileen Klose at the Municipal Building. She encouraged the sports organizations and Recreation Committee to spread the word on the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Letter from J. Major regarding field use for the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club**

Chairwoman S. Rude stated a letter was received from J. Major requesting field use at Hampton Park for the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club. She tried putting a call in to him prior to the meeting but is waiting for his reply. She stated it is probably a typo and is for high school lacrosse because the times requested are 2:30-5:00PM. Elementary School children are not out of school at that point in time. She stated that she was told that last year would be the last year they would need to use Hampton Park's fields because the new lacrosse fields at Kittatinny would be completed by then. She just wants to confirm with him who would be using the fields and why they need to use Hampton's fields again this year.

**A MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by D. Coranoto to move Correspondence #1 to the February meeting for further discussion.

## **2. Letter to sports organizations from Secretary V. Galizia**

The letter to the sports organizations stated the requirements for using the Community Center for meetings, requirements needed before sports could start practicing on the fields, requirements in order to receive the annual funding, and that the mandatory sports organization meeting is February 26, 2014.

## **OPEN DISUSSION**

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Soccer representative J. Brownlee stated spring soccer registrations have started and asked V. Galizia if she would be able to put registration forms in the foyer of the Municipal Building and on the board out front.

Soccer representative D. Brownlee stated fall soccer practices starting at 5:00PM is too late towards the end of the season and that they don't have enough light to practice. He stated they had a lot of problems with field hockey using the fields but that will not be a problem since they were only using the Hampton fields last year.

Softball representative D. Rude asked about the AED certifications for the sports representatives that attended the AED training at the Community Center. Secretary V. Galizia handed out the certifications. She asked since most sports representatives have certifications at this point, if there was any update on where the AED unit will be going at Hampton Park. Chairwoman S. Rude stated they're still working on a housing unit and where to place it. Chairwoman S. Rude stated she will bring it up at the next Township Committee meeting and report back at the next meeting.

Basketball representative C. Mulroy stated she hasn't heard much about the Field of Dreams lighting. She's only heard negative comments about the project not being done in time for their children to benefit from them. She stated maybe a thermometer could be made and put outside by the gate to the park so parents or other park visitors could see how much is left until the project can be completed. She stated maybe that would encourage more people to donate if they see there's not much left to completion.

K. Kandel stated he will bring up the idea at the next Educational Foundation meeting. J. Cutler stated he would make the wooden thermometer if he is given the information needed to put on the sign.

Chairwoman S. Rude stated that people easily say negative things about the Field of Dreams project but they don't realize how much is involved in doing something that large. She stated that parents could help spread the word or attend the fundraisers to help instead of complaining things aren't going as fast as they'd like. The project is being done completely through fundraising. She stated that's why people should help spread the word about the Valentine's Dinner Dance because everyone is hoping it will be a success and the money will help put us that much closer to reaching our goal. Parent's, sports organizations, and Recreation Committee members can help by attending the event as well!

D. Coranoto stated people don't realize how long it takes to raise money. He stated the Township has nothing to do with the project and a lot of people don't realize that. Everything is being collected through fundraising which takes a long time. He stated the golf outing hasn't been making as much money as it has in the past and that takes a toll on the timeline of the field lighting being completed. People need to realize a lot of progress has been made and that everyone's help is needed if they want to see the project completed sooner.

J. Calvani stated there should be more advertising done on the holiday tree lighting this year since not many people attended. Chairwoman S. Rude stated it probably had to do with the weather that people don't realize the tree lighting still happens whether it rains or not.

### **ADJORNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Administrative Assistant