

Recreation Committee
April 26, 2017

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:18pm.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Rob Kowalski, Tim Duvelsdorf, Chairwoman Sue Rude, Scott MacKenzie, and Katie Rotondi

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Little League Representative Brandt Anderson, Softball Representative Dianne Rude, Girl Scouts Representative Vicki Kowalski, and Hampton Township Educational Foundation Representative Louise Mauro

Not Present: Blaine Crown, Jeff Calvani, Joelle Brownlee, Oscar Fernandez, and George Hudock

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.

OATH OF OFFICE

SWEARING IN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George Hudock- 5 year unexpired term (expires 12/31/2019)
Katie Rotondi- Alternate #1- 4 year term (expires 12/31/2020)

Recreation Committee Secretary V. Galizia administered the Oath of Office to Katie Rotondi as Alternate #1 for a 4 year term to expire on 12/31/2020. George Hudock was not present at the Recreation Committee meeting and will be sworn in on a different date.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to approve the March 22, 2017 Recreation Committee meeting minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION

1. 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 at 5:00pm. The performance will be about an hour long. Little League will open up the snack shack to sell concessions.

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

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has created a map of a layout for Hampton Day which he passed around to all the Recreation Committee members to view. He stated that after speaking with Department of Public Works Manager Dan Bayles about the drilling of the new well in Hampton Park, he wasn't sure if he should rely on water being available on Hampton Day. He suggested instead of planning on having the pavilion open to sell food for the day that the Committee have food trucks as the source of food vendors. He stated that Little League President J. Choma can help with contact information for food truck vendors. He stated that if everything goes as planned with the well, the pavilion could be open for evening snacks and beverages for the fireworks. He spoke with DPW Manager D. Bayles to see if food trucks would be permitted in the park and he was told that they can park on the basketball court.

S. MacKenzie stated that a well drilling company was approved at the Township Committee meeting on April 25th so the new well is moving forward. He stated that even though the new well is being drilled there is no guarantee that the new well would not still fail for e-coli.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that one other issue he wanted to bring up about the water is that if the pavilion restrooms are not able to be opened and the town has to rely on porta johns, then he would like to suggest getting a restroom trailer. He stated that the restroom trailers have water for hand washing and would be better for parents with young children or to change infants than trying to use the regular porta johns. He said that either way more restroom options would need to be brought in for the amount of people that come to Hampton Day. He will look into the cost of renting a restroom trailer for the day.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that C. Cassidy was unable to make the Recreation Committee meeting to discuss what repairs need to be done to the children's carnival games from 2016. He will touch base with her and see what her cost for repairs and prizes will be.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that there is a Fire Department meeting on May 3rd and that he and Chairwoman Sue Rude will be attending. He stated that Stillwater has a wet down the same day as Hampton Day and he understands that a lot of the Hampton Fire Department volunteers will be present at the Stillwater wet down. He wants to make sure that there will still be enough Hampton Fire & Rescue volunteers during Hampton Day as well as present for the fireworks in the evening. He stated that one of the inflatable's he reserved is a Firefighter Dalmatian themed bounce house that he would like to put near where the Hampton Fire & Rescue will be set up. He stated that he has quotes from three different companies on the inflatable rides and is going with the one from Bergen County that is providing more equipment for less money. They are also throwing in some free Carnival tents and games that can be used by the Children's Carnival Game area. He stated that the Hampton Day date is reserved with the inflatable company.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has been in touch with Christina Dune who has been running craft fairs at Redeemer and has agreed to be in touch with her craft vendors for Hampton Day. The limit will be set at 25 vendors and the fee will be \$25 per table. For an extra \$10 crafters may opt to have a table and chair provided. He will also make 15 free vendor sports available to local businesses to try to get more of the local businesses to Hampton Day.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has two Fireworks companies holding Hampton Day's date currently. He stated that he was in touch with Garden State who Hampton has used the past few years but he also has a new contact that does many other municipalities'

township day displays that is offering a larger show for the same price that Garden State has done.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that there will be a “main tent” that will host the Prince & Princess pageant and the Miss Hampton Competition. K. Rotondi stated that she would be interested in bringing back the talent show. She offered to organize the talent show event. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that T. Duvelsdorf can fill in between events with organizing some line dances such as the “Cupid Shuffle”, “Electric Slide”, “The Cha Cha Slide”, etc.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he has three quotes for DJ’s currently and has not made a decision on who to use yet.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that as far as advertising he will have flyers sent to McKeown School, the purple pages, the Recreation Facebook page, Township website, and lawn signs. He stated that you can do a sponsor post on Facebook that reaches 8,000-10,000 people for \$50.00 for a period of time that he may try to do to reach more people. K. Rotondi also suggested WSUS is a free form of advertising. D. Rude stated that Sussex Vocational School will do road signs for free. V. Kowalski will reach out to VoTech to see about having road signs made up for Hampton Day.

S. MacKenzie asked Secretary V. Galizia to check with CFO Jessica Caruso on the status of Recreation being in a separate funding account.

3. Summer Recreation Program Update

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that Hampton Township Educational Foundation (HTEF) member Louise Mauro is in attendance at the Recreation meeting to give an update on running the summer recreation program through HTEF. L. Mauro stated that HTEF can run the summer recreation program through their organization however they no longer have insurance. She stated that they can get a temporary insurance policy to cover the program. She stated that they are not looking for a reimbursement because their job is to provide programs to the Hampton Township children. She stated that to be able to get a quote for the temporary insurance policy she will need to know certain factors such as types of activities that will occur, will sports be played, the ages of the children, number of children to be in the program, the length of the program and times, the number of volunteers that will be running the program, etc. Instead of trying to come up with an approximate number of children that will participate in the program the committee agreed it would be better to put a cap on enrollment. Then L. Mauro can just tell the insurance company that there will be not more than “X” amount of children in the program. K. Rotondi volunteered to be the liaison between HTEF, the summer recreation program coordinator J. Dalling, and the Recreation Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from KRHS Director of Athletics, Chris Carroll Regarding Hampton Township Recreation Field Use Request for 2 fields during the months of March-May 2017 for the boys and girls lacrosse teams.

S. MacKenzie stated that the field request was approved at the Township Committee meeting on April 25th. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he understands that lacrosse uses

the Recreation fields every year for practices but that he feels that anything field related should come to the recreation committee meeting before the Township Committee approves it.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski and seconded by T. Duvelsdorf with one abstain by S. MacKenzie, that anything field related please go to the Recreation Committee before the Township Committee approves the request.

OPEN DISCUSSION

V. Kowalski stated that she had sought approval from Township Administrator E. Klose to have the girl scouts come to plant flowers at the Municipal Complex. She stated that she scoped out the area around the walking path but didn't see a good spot where the flowers wouldn't get destroyed. She observed that there are four memorial areas in the park that could use some sprucing up. She stated that the girl scouts will clean the areas up, plant some flowers, and mulch. K. Rotondi stated that her father owns a mulch company and he may donate some mulch. The DPW may also have some mulch available that can be used as well.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski and seconded by T. Duvelsdorf, with all members in favor, to approve a maximum allowance of \$200.00 to spend on flowers and mulch if needed.

PUBLIC SESSION

Softball Representative D. Rude stated that she is once again the President of Softball and that softball has 60 girls signed up for the Recreation teams and 30 for travel softball, which is played at KRHS. She stated that softball had their first game on Monday night and that she has some issues she wanted to address with the Recreation Committee. She stated that the new walking path is wonderful but that it is bringing in a lot of foot traffic through the park with people walking, children on scooters and bikes, mothers with strollers, etc. She stated that the kids on the softball teams stand on the walking path, they are swinging bats and people walking by are not paying attention. She stated that it is a liability concern to her if someone is to get hurt while they're walking by. She stated that she would like to erect a snow fence as a dug out so parents/kids cannot walk on the path when they are playing. She stated that she can put 2 circles up by the retaining wall where kids can warm up for batting while on deck to keep kids away from the swinging bats. She stated that their next game is on April 27th at 6pm for about 2 hours. She would like to put a cone up with a sign saying 'caution game in progress/swinging bats'.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that Little League has a dugout that is fenced in but their kids are still not allowed to swing bats unless they are physically on the field for safety reasons. He stated that the batter on deck does not touch a bat until the other person is either on base or walks off the field. He suggested softball follow the same regulations and that if the coaches are uncomfortable talking to the coach on the opposing team then they could ask the umpire to explain it to them that Hampton Township has a no swinging bats outside the field policy. He stated that they could put 2 signs up on both team sides stating "No Swinging Bats Outside the Field" as well.

A MOTION was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to make a recommendation to the Department of Public Works and the Township Committee, to look into the issue further with the suggested remedy of a erecting a temporary fence. To also consider passing a rule regarding the swinging of bats for all sports programs and have a resolution by the next meeting.

D. Rude stated that she will try talking to her coaches first to enforce the no swinging bats rule before making it a regulation.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by T. Duvelsdorf and seconded by K. Rotondi, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary