

**RECREATION COMMITTEE
MAY 28, 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 Vice Chairman Jeff Calvani at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL: Gene Coltelli, Vice Chairman Jeff Calvani, Kirk Kandel, Eileen Junior, Jim Cutler, Daniel Coranoto

Also Present: Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, David & Joelle Brownlee- Soccer, Liza Kelly- Soccer, Dianne Rude- Softball, Sondra Bell- Baseball/Soccer

Absent: Oscar Fernandez, Chairwoman S. Rude

STATEMENT: Vice Chairman J. Calvani 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 G. Coltelli, with all members in favor, to approve the March 26, 2014 Minutes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSION LIST

1. **Kitchen Clean Up for Hampton Day**
2. **Hampton Day/150th Celebration Saturday June 21st, 2014 from 3:00pm-Dusk.**

D. Coranoto stated he would like to combine items #1 and #2 of priority discussion before discussing them separately. He stated that it needs to be figured out tonight how many volunteers Recreation has for the Hampton Day pavilion since Hampton Day is only three weeks away. The Recreation Committee discussed who could and could not attend. The Hampton Township Fire and Rescue has cooked in the pavilion at Hampton Day in the past and this year does not seem like a good year for Recreation to try and run the pavilion since they are short on help.

A MOTION was made by J. Cutler and seconded by G. Coltelli, with all members in favor, to see if the Fire Department is still interested in running the pavilion at Hampton Day this year instead of the Recreation Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE- G. Coltelli, yes; Vice Chairman J. Calvani, Yes; E. Junior, Yes; J. Cutler, Yes; D. Coranoto, Yes. All in favor.

3. Summer Soccer Program- Oscar Fernandez

O. Fernandez was absent from the Recreation Committee so he could not comment but the summer soccer program will be July 14-18, 2014 at Hampton Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Recreation Committee discussed the function of recreation, it's volunteers and how to improve its efficiency in the future.

PUBLIC SESSION

J. Brownlee stated that the boys & girls lacrosse are using the soccer field in the far back of the park and have been making large divots in the fields. She stated that there are 3 foot divots in front of the goals and that they are now making more divots to another field as well. She provided photos so that the Recreation Committee could see the field condition. She stated that there is also a large hole midfield that D. Brownlee put a cone in three weeks ago but the DPW has not filled it in as of yet. He's worried that a child may twist their ankle accidentally running into it.

A MOTION was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to have Secretary V. Galizia arrange a meeting with the Kittatinny Athletic Director, Chris Carroll, DPW manager D. Bayles, and D. Coranoto to discuss the damage to Hampton's fields, how to correct it, and how to prevent it in the future.

D. Brownlee stated that soccer only has 1 set of bleachers for their 2 fields and baseball has 4 sets of portable bleachers for their 2 fields. He asked if another set of bleachers could be purchased for soccer in the future and if one of the bleachers could be moved from baseball to soccer for the rest of this season. He stated that soccer used to only use 1 field at Hampton Park and 2 over at McKeown but since the field size standards have changed, they now use 2 fields at McKeown and 2 at Hampton Park.

A MOTION was made by J. Cutler and seconded by J. Calvani to have Secretary V. Galizia look into the cost of bleachers to purchase for next season for soccer.

A MOTION was made by G. Coltelli and seconded by J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to contact baseball and ask them if soccer may use 1 bleacher on Saturdays for the rest of their season.

D. Brownlee stated that soccer was asked to park over at McKeown so that the parking lot at Hampton Park isn't overflowed by cars from soccer and baseball. He stated that they cannot see the flag if the fields are opened or closed when they come in from McKeown. He asked if there could be some sort of flag posted at that end so they know if the fields are open or closed. He stated that if there's a yellow sign there's no way to know what fields are opened and which are closed after hours.

K. Kandel stated that he felt it would be a good idea to change June's meeting to a week ahead since Hampton Day is June 21st and the next Recreation meeting is scheduled for June 25th.

A MOTION was made by D. Coranoto and seconded by K. Kandel, with all members in favor, to change the Recreation Committee meeting to Wednesday June 18th instead of Wednesday June 25th.

D. Brownlee stated that he has brought this up numerous times but just wants to make another note that in the fall if lacrosse or field hockey are using the fields, which they said they wouldn't be any longer, that Recreation teams should be able to start practice at 4:30pm instead of after 5:00pm because they do not have enough light to get a full practice in starting that late. Recreation has not received anything from KRHS field hockey at this point requesting field usage.

L. Kelly asked if "Kicking If For Kelly" could sell snow cones, colored hair spray, and silly string along with providing their information at Hampton Day. Secretary V. Galizia stated that snow cones are fine but silly string and the colored hair sprays are prohibited items as decided by the Township Committee and cannot be sold.

S. Bell stated that no one notified the volunteers, who were going to have a bake sale and sell maps for the Town Wide Yard Sale, that it was cancelled.

K. Kandel stated that he just wanted to look into the thermometer sign idea for the field lights again. J. Cutler volunteered to make the sign but needs to know what to put on it. It was decided the sign should be about 5-6 feet tall and have color so that it's visible from the road and

have “We Accept Donations” on it as well. Once J. Cutler has the funding amount needed he will put the sign together and report back at the next meeting.

D. Coranoto stated that Recreation needs to contact other organizations to help run events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Hampton Day, the tree lighting etc. He stated that there are numerous groups in Hampton Township that could be contacted but haven’t been such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the churches, and SCARC to name a few.

D. Brownlee asked if the Hampton Township Fire Department would be interested in running the pavilion during sports games. It would be a good fundraiser for the Fire Department and be nice to have the pavilion open for the parents and children at the park.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by K. Kandel and seconded by J. Cutler, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Valerie L. Galizia
Recreation Committee Secretary