

**Recreation Committee  
January 17, 2018  
Reorganization  
And Regular Meeting**

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Chairwoman S. Rude at 7:08pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Katie Rotondi, Sue Rude, Rob Kowalski, Scott MacKenzie, Joelle Brownlee, Oscar Fernandez, and George Hudock

**Also Present:** Recreation Committee Secretary Valerie Galizia, Little League Representative Brandt Anderson, Softball Representative Dianne Rude

**Not Present:** Blaine Crawn and Tim Duvelsdorf

**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 MEMBER**

Katie Rotondi- 5 Year Term (Expires 12/31/2022)

Recreation Committee Secretary V. Galizia administered the Oath of Office to K. Rotondi for a 5 year term to expire 12/31/2022.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

S. MacKenzie nominated Sue Rude to serve as Chairwoman for a one year term. O. Fernandez seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** K. Rotondi, yes; O. Fernandez, yes; S. Rude, abstained; R. Kowalski, yes; J. Brownlee, yes; S. MacKenzie, yes; G. Hudock, yes. Six members in favor with one abstention. S. Rude accepted the nomination.

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

J. Brownlee nominated R. Kowalski to serve as Vice Chairman for a one year term. S. MacKenzie seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** K. Rotondi, yes; O. Fernandez, yes; S. Rude, abstained; R. Kowalski, yes; J. Brownlee, yes; S. MacKenzie, yes; G. Hudock, yes. Six members in favor with one abstention. R. Kowalski accepted the nomination.

**DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:** A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to designate the official newspaper to be the New Jersey Herald’s Sunday & Daily editions.

**TIME, DAY & PLACE OF MEETINGS:** Third Wednesday of every month except August & December which there will be no meeting. The November meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month to accommodate for the Thanksgiving Holiday. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM at the Hampton Township Municipal Building.

January 17, 2018 Reorganization	July 18, 201
February 21, 2018	No August 2018 Meeting
March 21, 2018	September 19, 2018
April 18, 2018	October 17, 2018
May 16, 2018	November 14, 2018
June 20, 2018	No December 2018 Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by O. Fernandez, with all members in favor, to approve the above listed 2018 meeting dates for the Recreation Committee.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman R. Kowalski and seconded by S. MacKenzie, with all members in favor, to approve the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes.

**PRIORITY DISCUSSION**

**1. Approval of the 2018 Budget**

K. Rotondi stated that she would like to request a \$300 budget for supplies for the art classes for a 6 month trial period. She stated that she would like to have the classes start in April so that she has plenty of time to advertise and get the word out to people. The classes would be held at the Senior Center twice a month for a 2 hour period. She brought the idea up to the Township Committee as well and will be giving them a formal proposal at this month’s meeting for approval. The program would be run through the Recreation Committee and she will give updates each month on the number of people attending the classes.

The Committee members agreed the classes are a great idea and agreed to a \$500 budget for supplies since she’s just starting out with the classes and doesn’t have leftover supplies yet. K. Rotondi will bring the formal proposal to the Township Committee meeting on 1/30/18 and schedule dates for the senior center.

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he would like to request an additional \$1,000 be added to Hampton Day's budget this year, that he has some more ideas of things to make the day even greater. He stated that he is going to try to get the fireworks covered by sponsors this year with the help of S. MacKenzie. He would also like to have the same food vendor set up as last year. The food vendors seemed to do well and people enjoyed having an assortment of choices. He would like to charge the food vendors a higher fee this year than the \$25 that Rec has charged in the past since they do make a good amount of money at Hampton Day. He would also like to open the pavilion in the evening before the fireworks go off, to provide cookies, donuts, or some other prepackaged snacks, and glow sticks to the kids. Rec wouldn't be cooking or preparing anything in the pavilion; it would just be open to give those items out prior to the fireworks going off. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that he will be promoting the event earlier this year as well.

The Committee members agreed to add an additional \$1,000 to the Hampton Day budget.

J. Brownlee asked why some of the sports organizations are receiving half the funding of other sports. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski explained that it has been that way for awhile. Sports organizations used to have to submit receipts of their purchases of items for their sports organization in order to receive their annual funding from the Township. The Recreation Committee decided to change that policy and to cut all the sports funding amounts to have more money to go towards park improvements. In return the sports did not need to submit receipts any longer when requesting their annual funding. The Hampton Township sponsored sports receive the full amount of funding since there are no other municipalities participating with that organization. The organizations that have other municipalities joined with them have a lesser amount since it's not just benefitting Hampton residents. The other Townships also are not contributing an equal amount in return. It wouldn't be fair to use Hampton taxpayer money to be putting clay on Fredon Township fields for example. J. Brownlee stated that she felt the other organizations shouldn't be penalized for being a joint sport with other municipalities since in the big picture it's benefitting Hampton kids either way.

Chairwoman S. Rude asked Softball Representative D. Rude how Hampton Rec Softball and Travel Softball work since they're being promoted together. D. Rude stated that they are on the same account but that she charges a higher fee for travel softball. A discussion continued about Recreation providing Hampton Rec Softball the full funding amount of \$1,200. Should they be given the full funding if it's going into a joint account with Travel Softball, which is not a Recreation sport, or should Softball separate their Hampton Recreation Softball and Travel Softball into separate bank accounts to ensure that the funding is spent on the Hampton Recreation Softball supplies? The other Recreation sports organizations have separate bank accounts for their Recreation and Travel leagues.

**A MOTION** was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by R. Kowalski, with all members in favor, to accept the top portion of the Recreation Committee budget as is for now, with the stipulation that travel softball get its own separate checking account from Hampton Recreation Softball.

Softball Representative D. Rude stated that she will pass the information on to the two women that are taking over Softball.

**A MOTION** was made by K. Rotondi and seconded by G. Hudock, with all members in favor, to approve the 2018 budget with the above changes made.

## **2. Dates of 2018 Recreation Committee Events**

- a. **KRHS/Hampton Recreation Easter Egg Hunt**- Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Hampton Park or at KRHS in the case of bad weather.
  - b. **Jazz in the Park**- work with KRHS to find a date and change the name of the event to “An Evening of Jazz” so there is no confusion with “Jazz in the Parking Lot”.
  - c. **Hampton Day**- June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm-dusk.
  - d. **Summer Soccer Camp**- O. Fernandez told V. Galizia to contact Auggie Cassis to see when he would like to set up the day soccer camp & that he will work on a week for the evening sessions.
  - e. **Summer Recreation Program**- Approximately July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup> if J. Dalling will be doing 3 weeks or possibly until August 24<sup>th</sup> if she decides to do 4 weeks this year. Secretary V. Galizia will contact J. Dalling to see if she has the exact dates yet.
  - f. **Sussex County Day**- September (date not posted yet)
  - g. **Town Wide Garage Sale**- J. Brownlee stated that she will contact the Hampton Commons Association to see when their fall community garage sale is so that Hampton Recreation can set the Town Wide Sale for the same weekend from 9am-3pm.
  - h. **Fall Festival**- Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - i. **Trunk or Treat**- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at KRHS
  - j. **Tree Lighting and Holiday Party**- Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- 3. Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm- mandatory sports organization meeting.**
- 4. Bylaws Committee Discussion**

After reviewing the Recreation Committee Bylaws, the Committee decided that they are conflicting with the Township Code and need to be rewritten. A Committee of Scott MacKenzie,

Katie Rotondi, and Rob Kowalski were appointed to review and rewrite the Recreation Committee Bylaws. The Recreation Committee will then review the changes and approve them to be brought to the Township Committee. S. MacKenzie will set up a date for the Bylaws Committee to meet and bring the revised Bylaws to the February Recreation Committee meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Vice Chairman R. Kowalski asked if anyone knew if the Township Committee agreed to put the Playground Project on the 2018 spring schedule at the December Township Committee meeting. Chairwoman S. Rude stated that she knows that it was brought up but she's not sure of what the outcome was. She thinks that they are just waiting on a proposal from DPW Manager D. Bayles to calculate the materials needed for the project. Vice Chairman R. Kowalski stated that the rubber mulch would be coming from the Morris County Co-op and was last quoted at approximately \$15,000 so it should be under the bid threshold but he was estimating and would need to wait on an exact amount from DPW Manager D. Bayles. Secretary V. Galizia will check with the Township Administrator E. Klose to see if anything else needs to be done on the Recreation Committee's end to move forward with the project.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Softball Representative D. Rude stated that she has found two people that will be taking over Softball and that she will be stepping down officially after the spring season. She stated that they will be at the February meeting to introduce themselves to the Committee. The Recreation Committee thanked D. Rude for her time and efforts running the Softball Program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by S. MacKenzie and seconded by J. Brownlee, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie L. Galizia  
Recreation Committee Secretary