

**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
5 FEBRUARY 2004 HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building. by Chairman Robert Daddis. The Open Public Act meeting statement was given. The meeting was tape-recorded for the purpose of constructing minutes. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Robert Daddis, Richard Hodson, Susan Jones, Joan Reilly, Laurie Spaziani, and Elide Young. Absent was Elizabeth Mauro. A quorum was present.

On motion of Jones and Reilly, and the affirmative votes of all Richard Hodson was appointed acting secretary for the meeting.

1. **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chairman Daddis.
2. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.** No one spoke.
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON;. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON, DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL SECRETARY (not recording secretary)** Mayor Hodson opened the meeting for nominations for chairperson. Robert Daddis declined the nomination because of work obligations. On motion of Spaziani and Daddis, and the affirmative vote of all, Susan Jones was elected chairperson. Chairperson Jones then conducted the meeting. **DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON;** On motion of Daddis and Spaziani, and the affirmative vote of all, Elide Young was elected Deputy-Chairperson. **DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL SECRETARY (not recording secretary)** On motion of Daddis and Young, and the affirmative vote of all Joan Reilly was elected Secretary.
4. **RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATION; OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS; AGENDA FOR MEETINGS; LOCATION FOR POSTING NOTICES**

Following discussion of the frequency of meetings, on motion of Daddis and Young and the affirmative votes of all the following

**resolution was adopted establishing meeting dates/time/location, the official newspapers, official site for posting notices, and typical meeting agenda.**

**WHEREAS: the adoption of the Open Public Meeting Act prohibits public bodies from having closed door meetings and requires the notice to be given to two newspapers and that this notice be filed with the Borough Clerk,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That at the Reorganization Meeting held on February 5, 2004, the Borough of Hopatcong Open Space/Recreation Committee designates the first Thursday of February, April, June, September, and November 2004 as their regular meeting dates for 2004, said meetings to convene at 7:30 P.M., and**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That at the Meeting held on February 5, 2004, the Borough of Hopatcong Open Space/Recreation Committee designated the 5 February 2004 as the reorganization meeting for 2004, and that the first Thursday in February 2005, 3 February 2005, will be the Reorganization Meeting for 2004. The meeting is to convene at 7:30 P.M. No regular meeting will be scheduled in January 2005.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That the New Jersey Herald, and the Daily Record be designated as the official newspapers of the Open Space/Recreation Committee. In addition, the Committee will provide notices of meetings to the Sunday Herald, the Star-Ledger, and the News Leader.**

**Any person requesting a public body to mail them copies of any of the scheduled meeting dates or revision, and any advance written notice of regular, special or rescheduled meetings shall be charged the sum of one dollar for each and every notice mailed. No notice shall be mailed unless prepayment of the aforesaid charge has been received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and notices requested by the news media shall be mailed to such news media free of charge.**

**SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR THE BOROUGH OF  
HOPATCONG OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE –  
2004/2005**

**February 5, 2004  
April 1, 2004  
June 3, 2004  
September 2, 2004  
November 4, 2004  
February 3, 2005**

**THE AGENDA FOR ALL MEETINGS**

- 1. Opening of Meeting/Open Public meetings Act Statement/Roll Call**
- 2. Moment of Silent Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes/ Authorize Payment of Bills**
- 4. Meeting open to the public for discussion of items on the agenda**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Open to public for discussion of all items**
- 9. Adjournment of Meeting**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The public place at which all notices shall be posted will be the bulletin board situated in the hallway in the Municipal Building, and that the copies of this Resolution be given to all aforementioned newspapers and one copy of this Resolution be filed with the Borough Clerk.

- 5. DISTRIBUTE LIST OF MEMBERS;** Copies of a list of the Open Space/Recreation Committee were distributed. They were reviewed by the members, and changed accordingly (Joan Reilly's telephone number was corrected.)
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. STATUS OF OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE TRUST FUND ENDORSEMENTS:** A spreadsheet was distributed summarizing the expenditure endorsements made by the Committee. A copy is attached. The endorsements totaled \$296,500. The lighting at Veterans Field was completed without requiring funding through the Trust Fund. The Roller Hockey Rink project was funded primarily through other Borough ordinances, but still requires some of the funding endorsed by the Committee. The walkway in Modick Park has been extended as endorsed at a cost of \$7,561. A portion of the Veterans Way improvement has been completed, but additional work remains to be done. Discussions are continuing with the Hopatcong School Board with respect to the proposed fields on top of the hill behind the Civic Center. The School Board has chosen the enlargement of field one as the best option to providing an appropriately sized baseball field. Of the three fields proposed the Board has requested that one be a softball field.

**7. NEW BUSINESS: REVISED LIST OF ENDORSED PROJECTS .** A proposed revised list of endorsed projects was presented by Mayor Hodson. A copy is attached (right column in the spreadsheet). The changes are deletions of \$45,000 toward the Roller Hockey Rink and \$85,000 toward the Veterans Field Lights. Additions are \$120,000 toward the Skateboard Park and an additional \$10,000 toward the Veterans Way Improvement. The total authorized would remain \$296,500. There was a lengthy discussion about the need to address setting additional land aside for open space or passive recreation. A few sites were discussed, one in particular was a 35 acre grouping of lots between Sutton Trail and Maxim Drive. There was a discussion of the needs of adults. The Veterans Field improvement was explained in some detail using the landscape architect's drawing. The need for the Skateboard Park was generally endorsed, following a lengthy discussion. On motion of Reilly and second by Hodson, and the affirmative votes of Hodson, Jones, Reilly, and Spaziani, and negative vote of Young, the proposed list of projects was

approved. (Committee member Daddis left the meeting at 8:30 PM, prior to the vote.)

The approved items are: \$100,000 for the 60 ft basepath fields, a total of \$30,000 for the Roller Hockey Rink (partially expended), \$8,000 for the walkway in Modick Park (\$7,561 expended), \$18,500 toward Veterans Way improvement (\$6,000 of it has been expended.), \$20,000 toward the Veterans Field extension, and \$120,000 toward the Skateboard Park, including fencing.

8. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:** The meeting was opened to the public by Chairperson Jones. No one desired to speak.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:08 on motion of Reilly and Young and the affirmative votes of all the meeting was adjourned.

#### **2004 OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Robert Daddis, Zoning/Planning Board** 973-770-0566  
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**Mayor Richard Hodson** 973-770-1200  
111 River Styx Road, Hopatcong, N.J. 07843

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14 Elba Avenue, Hopatcong, N.J. 07843

**Elizabeth Mauro, Environmental Committee** 973-398-7165  
35 Dupont Avenue, Hopatcong, N.J. 07843

**Joan Reilly, Recreation Secretary** 973-398-1292  
8 Shears Rd., Hopatcong – mailing Stanhope, NJ 07874

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18 Byram Bay Rd., Hopatcong, N.J. 07843

**Elide Young, Council Appointee, Vice Chairperson** 973-398-2241  
29 Rapalyea Road -- P.O. Box 29, Hopatcong, N.J. 07843

Meeting times 7:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of February, April, June, September, November 2004 and February 2005

**SUMMARY OF TRUST FUND 31 DECEMBER 2003 , LAST CHANGE WAS MADE 24 SEPTEMBER 2003**

SUMMARY APPROVED IN EFFECT		31-Dec-03	TRUST FUND	EXPENDITURES	REVISED LIST OF APPROVED PROJ 9/4/2003		SPENT AMT
OPEN SPACE COM	PROJECT	DATE	APPROVED ORIG. AMOUNT	FUNDING CHANGE	APPROVED AMT	AMT	AMT
	FIELDS, HMS&HHS		150,000	-150,000		0	
	ROLLER HOCKEY	3/7/2002	45,000		45,000		
	60 FT BASEPATHS	3/7/2002	150000 TOTAL	-50,000	100,000		
			20000 ENG. MAX	2/6/2003			
	VETS FIELD LIGHTS	2/6/2003	80,000	5000/6/5/03	85,000		
	ROLLER HOCKEY	6/5/2003	20,000		20,000		8,298
	WALKWAY-MODICK	6/5/2003	8,000		8,000		7,561
	VETERANS WAY	6/5/2003	8,500		8,500		6,000
	ROLLER HOCKEY	8/7/2003	10,000		10,000		
	VETS FIELD EXT	8/7/2003	20,000		20,000		
					296500		21,860

Total remaining through 31-Dec-03 including interest was \$345041.38  
not-allocated was approx. \$49,000

**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COM. 2/5/2004**

PROJECT	
THREE 60 FT BASEPATH FIELDS, ON HILL BEHIND CIVIC CENTER	\$100,000
ROLLER HOCKEY RINK	\$30,000
WALKWAY-MODICK PARK	\$8,000
VETERANS WAY IMPROVEMENT	\$18,500
VETERANS FIELD EXTENSION	\$20,000
SKATEBOARD PARK	\$120,000

**\$296,500**

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