

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Recreation Commission was opened by John Young at 8:05 p.m. with a statement that this meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to The New Jersey Herald, The Sunday Herald and The Daily Record and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Dave Barnish
Janet Bunnicant
Dave Levin
Joan Reilly (arrived at 9:20 pm)
John Young
ABSENT: Cindy Klein
EXCUSED: Nick Nemeth

Also in attendance:
Jen Siegel, Recreation Coordinator
Council Liaison, Sylvia Petillo
Mayor Richard Hodson

John Young announced that the meeting this evening is not our normal meeting night but we had re-schedule because of inclement weather.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBIC

Hopatcong Police Chief John Swanson addressed the Recreation Commission regarding the Skate Park and different options were discussed with one possibility of getting an attendant at the park. John went on to say that with rules and monitoring this situation could become a good family environment. Mayor Hodson informed John Swanson and the Recreation Commission about the funding for this project. John's vision of what could be done is to build a stand (an elevated platform) for viewing the park, I.D. Cards and strict guided rules for part of this plan. John would like to see something in place by June 1st.

Jen Siegel's has gathered information regarding a fee, a policy and a waiver and she will continue to do the research. There was further discussion regarding the various options for the Skate Park.

John Young mentioned that by the next Recreation Meeting he would like an agreement of some sort of recommendation to Mayor and Council and move forward with it. All agreed. John Swanson thanked the Commission for their time and offered any further assistance.

Mayor Hodson wanted to talk about Kids Safe and what they do and don't do. Jen Siegel informed the Mayor of what Kids Safe checks. John Young also informed the Mayor of what he researched of Kids Safe. John Swanson further informed the Commission of his findings. In-House vs. Kids Safe background checking costs were also discussed.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor and Council were questioning background checks at the last Council Meeting. John Young discussed background checks with the Commission Members regarding coaches so he could report back to the Council. John Young and Jen Siegel are attending the March 21st Mayor and Council Meeting.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

John Young announced that he would like to form a Summer Recreation Committee.

Dave Barnish made a motion to form a Summer Recreation Committee, nominating Janet Bunnican as Chairperson and having Joan Reilly and Dave Levin assist. Dave Levin seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnican, Levin, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Klein, Nemeth

Jen Siegel announced that she received ten applications for the Summer Recreation Director position that is available. Joan Reilly said that she would like to interview the applicants. Jen order supplies for the Summer Recreation Program.

Joan Reilly made a motion to keep the Summer Recreation Program Fees the same as last year. Janet Bunnican seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnican, Levin, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Klein, Nemeth

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

March 11, 2007 has been assigned for the Recreation Commission's walk through date for the fields.

A copy of this year's field requests have been handed out and the Commission will approve or make adjustments at the March meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2007 MINUTES

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the January 9, 2007 minutes. Janet Bunnican seconded the motion and all were in favor.

John Young announced that Hopatcong has three wrestlers that are going to the New Jersey State Finals Tournament.

CLOSED SESSION

Dave Barnish made a motion to go into Closed Session. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joan Reilly made a motion that if any check bounces (including the fees) for the Summer Recreation Program that the person cannot join or register until it is paid. The Commission Members discussed this motion. This motion was not seconded.

Janet Bunnivant made a motion to have the registration for Summer Recreation be paid in cash or money order from the first day of camp and cannot participate in any activities until the check is made good and the bank fees are paid. This motion was not seconded. Issue was tabled and to be discussed and advertised.

Jen Siegel announced that basketball is going fairly well.

Dave Levin made a motion to approve the bill list for February for referees and scorekeepers. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Levin, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Klein, Nemeth

Jen reported that the bill for the wrestling equipment that the Commission donated would have to be adjusted.

ADJOURN

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary