

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
MARCH 13, 2007**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Recreation Commission was opened by John Young at 8:06 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
Cindy Klein (left at 9:05 pm)
Dave Levin
Nick Nemeth
Joan Reilly
John Young

Also in attendance:
Jen Siegel, Recreation Coordinator
Mayor Richard Hodson

John Young led the Salute to the Flag.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sal Guglielmello asked the commission when the fields would be opened. John Young mentioned that the field inspection was on March 11, 2007 and that the fields didn't look bad, but there are some fencing issues on every field. John stated that he is going for April 1st to have the fields open but this is all weather dependent. Sal asked to be contacted by Jen Siegel when the fields are open.

Todd Vanderhoof, Little League President discussed the field schedule.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Janet Bunnicant recommended that Ryan Smircich be hired for the position of Summer Recreation Program Director. It is also recommended that the commission have resumes from the Specialists, and to set up interviews for an Assistant Director.

Janet Bunnicant made a motion to eliminate the 2nd Assistant Director position. Joan Reilly seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Klein, Levin, Reilly, Young
ABSTAIN: Nemeth

Joan Reilly recommended that the commission hire a nurse for the Summer Recreation Program to fill the necessary needs for the program.

Janet Bunnivant made a motion to hire Ryan Smircich as the Summer Recreation Director for 2007. Joan Reilly seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Klein, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young

Janet Bunnivant mentioned that she is handling the resumes for the Assistant Director for the Summer Recreation Program. Janet also mentioned that there are four applications for this position. Jen Siegel said that the supplies and equipment have been ordered for the Summer Recreation Program.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

John Young and Jen Siegel are going to attend the next Mayor and Council Meeting to answer some questions and to discuss Kids Safe vs. other companies for the background checks and to also have the town of Hopatcong do the background checks. Mayor Hodson announced what was in the budget for the Background Checks. Janet Bunnivant added that each organization should know that there is funding available by applying for grants.

FIELDS

Nick Nemeth made a motion to approve the field requests subject to the changes discussed. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Klein, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young

John Young announced that the field tour took place. Jen Siegel discussed the repairs and equipment that is needed for the season for all the fields, parks and tennis courts. John Young asked Jen Siegel to get a quote for mantraps.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2007 MINUTES

Janet Bunnivant made a motion to approve the February 13, 2007 minutes. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor. **ABSTAIN:** Nemeth

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The commission members discussed the Skate Park and John Young suggested that the Skate Park issue be tabled until the next meeting.

Jen Siegel announced that she is not sure if there will be "After Care" for the Summer Recreation Program.

Jen Siegel reminded the commission that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 24, 2007, and there will be an Easter Bunny.

John Young announced that one of our seniors at Hopatcong High School took the State Heavy Weight Title.

Janet Bunnivant made a motion to go into closed session. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joan Reilly made a motion to pay the Summer Recreation Director, Ryan Smircich \$5500.00. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young. **ABSENT:** Klein

Joan Reilly made a motion to pay the Assistant Director between \$3500.00 and up to \$5000.00. Dave Levin seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly **NO:** Young. **ABSTAIN:** Bunnicant **ABSENT:** Klein

The commission discussed the salaries for the councilors.

Janet Bunnicant made a motion to pay the nurse up to \$4000.00 with no free care. Joan Reilly seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Klein

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve up to \$3000.00 for the EMT. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Klein

ADJOURN

Janet Bunnicant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary