

HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 11, 2006

The meeting of the Hopatcong Recreation Commission was opened by John Young at 8:04 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
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

Bruce Ferrentino attended the meeting this evening on behalf of Project Graduation. Bruce is asking for a donation for the Project Graduation 2006 tee shirts. Bruce announced that the senior class number this year is 224 students.

Joan Reilly made a motion to donate up to \$2000.00 for the Project Graduation Tee Shirts. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Klein, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young.

Sal Guglielmello is asking for a one week extension for handing in his rosters. John Young granted Sal additional time and asked that he bring all his rosters to the May meeting.

Mayor Hodson is questioning why you can't get on to Squire Field and what is the condition of the field and is there a water problem. Jen Siegel said she is going to send someone out to the field and take a look at the situation. Jen said that it seems that the field is not draining properly.

John Young explained to Mayor Hodson that the field was being used for other purposes other than what was intended and he believes the solution might be some sort of walk-in access similar to what is at the high school football field.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John Young announced that he spoke to Michelle Yarosz, the woman that organized all the sports groups that marched in the parade last year. John reminded the board members that the Recreation Commission sponsored the groups and supplied the tee shirts.

Michelle is asking the Recreation Commission to sponsor them again this year. Joan Reilly said that she believe that the commission should definitely support them again.

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve 500 shirts and up \$2500.00 to Michelle Yarosz for sponsoring the sports groups for the Memorial Day Parade. Cindy Klein seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Klein, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young.

John Young commented that Art Buehrer is on vacation and could not attend the meeting this evening, but he is willing to assist in the guidelines for the Summer Recreation Program.

Jen Siegel announced the salaries for last year in the Summer Recreation Program. Art Buehrer received \$5500.00, Danielle, the first assistant received \$3400.00 and the second assistant was paid \$3000.00.

Joan Reilly made a motion to pay Art Buehrer \$5500.00, Danielle \$3400.00 and Amy, \$3000.00. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Klein, Levin, Nemeth, Reilly, Young.

Joan Reilly asked Jen if she could update the commission about what's going to be done about the position for the nurse.

Jen Siegel announced that the Summer Recreation Program will again be at the Middle School and that the "Before Care" is in place, 7 to 9 a.m., and the facilities manager is looking for a place for "After Care." Jen also mentioned that gymnastics is going to be in the high school cafeteria and for the summer camp, we can use the Tulsa Trail gym from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications are available for the Before and After Care Program. John Young said that this is still all contingent in getting the facilities.

FIELD TOUR

John Young reminded the commission that the field tour was on March 19, 2006 and he said that for the most part the fields were not too bad except for the fence issues. The one issue is at Squire Field, but there is work to be done to improve that situation, but the questions are the signs at most of the fields regarding the parking. The handicap parking issue is being resolved at Veteran's Field.

Jen Siegel announced that the ordinance for the public address systems was passed and everyone will be getting a copy of that.

Joan Reilly is questioning the NO SMOKING ordinance. Mayor Hodson stated that if the Mayor and Council passes the ordinance than other people can also enforce it.

Nick Nemeth said that Veteran's Field was beat up pretty bad and now that it's flat, it is bald in certain spots. The soccer club put down fertilizer and seed, so Nick is asking that the sprinklers can be turned on to help the field. Jen said that she called Ron Jobeless and he is going to take care of it.

Janet Bunnivant asked Jen if the exhaust fan at Naritcong Field is being replaced. Jen is going to take care of it.

OTHER COMMENTS

Jen Siegel has received the packet for the back round checking. Jen made the necessary phone calls and the organization that Trenton recommends using is called Kids Safe Record Checks. The cost is \$18.00 for State and/or \$18.00 FBI checking. The cost of Kids Safe is \$12.00 per person and each coach is given an ID Card. In three years time, Kids Safe sends everybody on a roster a letter that states they need to be re-checked and the cost is \$9.00 and every time after three years, it's another \$9.00, but no additional cost. The Recreation Commission continued to discuss the back round checking. Jen reminded the commission that this is just one organization and there are many more programs to look into. *Janet Bunnivant said that this is a needed program and that the finances seems to be the issue and yet we don't know who are coaching our children.*

John Young mentioned the meeting on April 3, 2006 for public awareness about the problem of youth drinking. A flyer should be available soon with statistics that youth sports groups can give to the parents at registrations.

Dave Levin suggested an organized team for skate boarding and competition at the skate park. Jen mentioned that there might be an ordinance passed for supervising at the skate park.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2006 MINUTES

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the March 14, 2006 minutes. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ADJOURN

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary