

HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 12, 2007

The meeting of the Hopatcong Recreation Commission was opened by John Young at 8:00 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: Janet Bunnican
Nick Nemeth
Joan Reilly
John Young
EXCUSED: Dave Barnish
Dave Levin

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

John Young led the Salute to the Flag.

MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Greg Cardena representing the Hopatcong High School Project Graduation Committee is requesting the reimbursement for the tee shirts that were sold for fundraisers for the high school seniors.

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve \$1000.00 to pay Needles & Pins for the Project Graduation tee shirts. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion. **YES:** Bunnican, Nemeth, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Barnish & Levin

Willa Scantlebury attended the meeting this evening representing the "HELP" Organization (Hopatcong Eliminating Litter Program). Willa is trying to get people involved with cleaning the fields and would like to enforce some guidelines for keeping the environment clean.

John Young told Willa Scantlebury that she certainly has the support of the Recreation Commission. The Commission discussed the rules, guidelines and issues regarding cleaning up the fields. Mayor Hodson suggested forming a committee and address the sports groups. John Young added that he believes that making the organizations responsible is the way to go. Willa Scantlebury requested that the Recreation Commission reach out to her with suggestions and any way to promote clean up.

Mayor Hodson mentioned that Squire Field was completed.

Todd Vanderhoof, President of Little League attending the meeting this evening. The All-Star Tour is upon us and he mentioned the tournament will be starting on June 25th and run thru most of July and would like to use Nariticong Field.

Joan Reilly made a motion to give Todd Vanderhoof a permit for the All-Star Games with the schedule pending. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion. **YES:** Bunnicant, Nemeth, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Barnish & Levin

Todd Vanderhoof is questioning the availability of the key for the Civic Center. John Young said the rules for the keys being given out or copied is not the Recreation Commission's policy to change. This is the policy given by the Borough Clerk.

Sal Guglielmello handed in his request for permits to the Recreation Commission that he needs for summer and fall.

Chris Anderson gave John Young his request for permits for the fields.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John Young mentioned that he and Jen Siegel attended the Mayor and Council meeting with their proposal for the Skate Park attendant. Council was very supportive of the proposal with the exception of the attendant collecting any funds for an on the spot pass. Passes should be issued at Borough Hall only.

The Recreation Commission has the final draft for the Resolution for the background checks.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Janet Bunnicant reported on the Summer Recreation Program. Jen Siegel mentioned that there was a problem with the school for the Summer Recreation Program, but it will be resolved. There are approximately 240 registered campers and as of today there are between 16-22 pre-care.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Summer basketball is going to extend the sign-up period because there's a joint registration.

John Young announced that the commission was at the Memorial Day Parade and gave out tee shirts.

Janet Bunnicant made a motion to refund the five participants for the Parent/Child Program if we don't have more than ten sign-ups by June 16th. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion. **YES:** Bunnicant, Nemeth, Reilly, Young **ABSENT:** Barnish & Levin

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 8, 2007 MINUTES

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the May 8, 2007 minutes. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion and all were in favor with Nick Nemeth abstaining.

Janet Bunnivant suggested and discussed the possibility for the Recreation Commission to host a Winter Carnival.

Nick Nemeth shared his feelings and comments regarding the discussion about serving alcohol at the rewards dinners for the organizations. For the record, Nick Nemeth would like to say he voted the way he did because he thought it was politically correct at the time and he finds that to be inappropriate to do and he would like to have it on record that even though the sentiments were well placed, he thought that action to be wrong because he believes that an adult who is responsible for consuming alcohol is not a bad representation to their children because he sees this as a teachable moment, and he felt that he voted for the wrong reason.

ADJOURN

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary