

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2006**

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: Dave Barnish
Janet Bunnican
Cindy Klein
Dave Levin
Nick Nemeth
John Young

ABSENT: Joan Reilly

Also in attendance:

Jen Siegel, Recreation Coordinator
Sylvia Petillo, Recreation Liaison
Mayor Richard Hodson

John Young led the Salute to the Flag.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

John Young announced that everyone should have a copy of the minutes from last month and also a copy of the letter that he submitted to Mayor and Council regarding back-ground checks.

Mayor Hodson and the Recreation Commission discussed the Identification Cards (Recreation Pass) and only what is necessary for identification. The Mayor also mentioned that the Trails Plan is available if anyone is interested. The Open Space Committee will consider starting to implement the Plan on September 7, 2006. Mayor Hodson announced that a Trails Committee will be appointed by the Open Space group and if anyone is interested in being part of the committee to let him know.

Mayor Hodson questioned and discussed the “No Smoking” issue on the athletic fields. Nick Nemeth said that the Morris County Soccer Association prohibits smoking on the athletic fields during play and during the travel practice, but there is no particular requirement from the leagues to enforce the issue. Mayor Hodson, John Young and the commission members discussed this issue.

Jen Siegel announced that with the discussions with Police Chief, John Swanson and the Borough Administrator, Steve Ward, someone is supposed to be hired to monitor the

Skate Park and with doing that, fees are going to be established and you will have to have a Recreation Pass (identification card). Fees will be discussed and established.

Sal Guglielmello announced to the Recreation Commission that the gravel was put on Veteran's Field and the new shed for the concession stand was delivered.

Nick Nemeth made a motion to grant an extension to the Soccer Club for submitting their rosters at the next meeting. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Klein, Levin, Nemeth, Young. **ABSENT:** Reilly

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John Young made an announcement about the procedures of a motion maker and what's to follow.

John Young discussed the letter he presented to The Mayor and Council regarding Kids Safe and lobbied for the Borough to pick up the cost for background checks for the first year, and hopefully the Commission will see the ordinance.

John also mentioned that he would attend a Council Meeting regarding the "No Smoking" ordinance.

SUMMER RECREATION

Jen Siegel said that Art Buehrer will attend next month's meeting to discuss changes and procedures for the next season of Summer Recreation. Jen announced there were about 240 kids who attended the program, and continued to discuss this season's program with the commission members.

Janet Bunnicant mentioned that the netting at Jefferson Field should be taken down. Jen said that she is in the process of getting bids for new netting.

Jen discussed the field projects and Nariticong Parking Lot with the commission. Jen also mentioned that the tennis courts are being re-surfaced. There was further discussion about the Recreation Pass/Identification Cards.

Janet Bunnicant made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Jen Siegel had issues concerning the Summer Recreation Program.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2006 MINUTES

Cindy Klein made a motion to approve the July 11, 2006 minutes. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

John Young announced that he would like to come up with a form and a policy for a permit requesting a P.A. System. Permits should only be issued at a meeting.

ADJOURN

Cindy Klein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary