

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 11, 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: Dave Barnish
Janet Bunnicant
Dave Levin
Nick Nemeth
Danette Swanson
John Young

EXCUSED: Joan Reilly

Also in attendance:

Jen Siegel, Recreation Coordinator
Sylvia Petillo

John Young led the Salute to the Flag.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ryan Smircich, Summer Recreation Director attended the meeting this evening and reported on the Summer Recreation Program. Ryan Smircich said that the fees should be raised for the Summer Recreation Program and the "Before Care" and the parents are really interested in the "After Care." Ryan Smircich also said that next year if anyone is eighteen and older do they need a criminal background check. The Recreation Commission is going to look into this information for the background checking. Ryan Smircich also discussed the broken items at Durban Avenue School.

Janet Bunnicant said that she got in touch with the Businessman's Association and James O'Brien attended the meeting this evening to let the Commission know what the Association's plans are for the activities for the fall and winter season. James O'Brien announced that the Businessman's Association is not doing the Christmas Lights contest this year and the Recreation Commission is free to do the contest. Also, the Halloween Parade is October 21, 2007 and the rain date is October 27, 2007.

Mayor Hodson is requesting the approval of the H-E-L-P letter. The public requested a change in the letter and the Commission also requested a change. Janet Bunnicant made a motion to approve the H-E-L-P letter as amended. Danette Swanson seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnicant, Levin, Nemeth, Swanson, Young **ABSENT:** Reilly

Chris Anderson, representing the Hopatcong Warriors handed in his rosters for football.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John Young discussed the building usage for the Summer Recreation Program and the winter basketball program. John Young, Janet Bunnivant and Jen Siegel are meeting with Dr. Threlkeld, Terry Sierchio and Neil Piro to discuss this issue.

Winter Carnival and Fall Activates. The Businessman's Association has invited the Recreation Commission to do something with them during the Halloween Parade Festival. Janet Bunnivant would like to go ahead with Miss Hopatcong and other activities. Sylvia Petillo suggested that next year, changing Hopatcong Days to Hopatcong Day and making it a big celebration. The Recreation Commission discussed the activities and the Halloween Costume Contest and broke it down by age groups.

Nick Nemeth made a motion to spend up to \$200.00 for the prizes for the Halloween Costume Contest. Dave Barnish seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Levin, Nemeth, Swanson, Young **ABSENT:** Reilly

CLOSED SESSION

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

Janet Bunnivant made a motion to approve Resolution 091107 for the refunds for summer basketball and peewee sports. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion. **YES:** Barnish, Bunnivant, Levin, Nemeth, Swanson, Young **ABSENT:** Reilly

OPEN SESSION

Dave Levin made a motion to go into open session. Nick Nemeth seconded the motion and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2007 MINUTES

Nick Nemeth made a motion to approve the August 14, 2007 minutes. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Nick Nemeth asked for comments regarding the list for the Capital Budget. Nick Nemeth wanted to add to the list that preliminary engineering be done for the building on top of the landfill somewhere around 2008.

ADJOURN

Nick Nemeth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary