

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 12, 2004**

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 Daily Record and The News-Leader and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Dave Barnish  
Cindy Klein  
Dave Levin  
Joan Reilly  
Dennis Tobin  
John Young  
**EXCUSED:** Janet Bunnivant

Also in attendance were Debbie Armeno, Recreation Coordinator.

John Young led The Salute To The Flag.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Art Buehrer attended the meeting this evening with a report from Summer Recreation. Art presented the board with a need for an addition walkie-talkie which would cost about \$500.00-\$600.00. Art wants to make sure that everyone can communicate with everyone else at Summer Recreation. Art would also like to have about eight stations set up at the Summer Recreation Program because it will give it a lot more structure and a lot less free time. The cost might come out to about \$2000.00 to \$3000.00 more on a salary basis. Art said there would not be any additional staff members, but to work with what they have.

Debbie Armeno said she would need to back up this information with documentation from Art Buehrer.

John Young said if we were to change something that would cost the program more money, we could think about raising the fees. John added that the Commission might want to think about expanding the program.

Debbie Armeno said we could meet those changes if we have the expansion in two different locations. The Civic Center can be the before, the buses can transport to the camp, then transport back to the Civic Center and Debbie would set up game tables, tennis courts are out back, portable basketball hoops and there are tables to color on, also.

The before and after care would be an additional and separate cost from the camp. Debbie said this is another avenue to help the taxpayers in town who need this program. Joan Reilly asked if this would disrupt any programs at the Civic Center. Debbie said there would be no disruptions at all with the other programs at the Civic Center.

John Young agrees with Debbie Armeno, but he said we don't need to make a decision this evening, but this is something to consider.

Dennis Tobin said this sounds like a nice thing to offer, but we need to work up some numbers to work the program. John Young asked Debbie if she would try to put something together on this program and that the fees should be cost effective. Debbie agreed.

Joan Reilly made a motion to purchase the walkie-talkies for the Summer Recreation Program with a limit of up to \$650.00. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Nick Nemeth turned in his spring roster for soccer, and the fall roster will be coming shortly.

#### **MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

John Young mentioned that Mr. Vara had a meeting with various officials from a lot of different volunteer groups and he went over some ideas and discussions with the members that were there. A code of ethics was mentioned as well as the possibilities of coaches clinics.

Debbie Armeno has been in touch with US Sports Institute, and they do multi sports camps at extremely reasonable prices. Debbie said that it is something to consider. John Young said that the only concern is that it would not conflict with the Summer Recreation Program.

#### **APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 MINUTES**

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the September 14, 2004 minutes. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **ADJOURN**

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso  
Recording Secretary