

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 9, 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 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 Bunnivant
Cindy Klein
Dave Levin
Dennis Tobin
John Young
ABSENT: Joan Reilly

Also in attendance were Debbie Armeno, Recreation Coordinator.

John Young led The Salute To The Flag.

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Nick Nemeth representing Hopatcong Hawks Soccer, said that the Jefferson parking issue will be taken care of by November 11, 2004. Nick also mentioned the lights at Hilltop and that he believes the Recreation Commission should support the lighting at Hilltop. Debbie Armeno said that Mayor and Council is moving forward with this and they have been in meetings with the Board of Education and if they are in agreement, then they will go ahead with the plan. Nick Nemeth is suggesting that the Recreation Commission make a recommendation to shift the balance of the money that is needed for Hilltop out of the Bond that was passed for Veteran's Field.

Debbie said she spoke to Mayor Hodson and he said he is looking to gather more money to light the softball field because there have been several requests for adult softball again.

Janet Bunnivant made a motion that the Recreation Commission endorse a letter to Mayor and Council supporting the lighting at Hilltop for the recreational programs. Dave Levin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Yes – Dave Barnish, Janet Bunnivant, Cindy Klein, Dave Levin, Dennis Tobin and John Young. Absent: Joan Reilly

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John Young said that the Board Members have copies of the 2005 budget. Debbie Armeno discussed what the budget is going to be used for in the coming year.

John said he spoke to Debbie about the lights on Squire Field and John said the Commission needs to put Capital Improvements into the budget. Debbie said there is some money left over in this year's budget in Park Maintenance so she is going to top dress Veteran's Field #1. We are also putting a wooden fence at Squire Field. The rest of the left over money went to top dress other field areas and miscellaneous things that needed to get done.

Debbie said that the borough engineer is looking into expanding the parking on Musconetcong. Debbie also mentioned that the Mayor and Council wants the handball court down immediately. Debbie and the board members continued to discuss the parking areas. Dennis Tobin said that it is the Commission's responsibility to provide parking and that the parking issue is a "High Priority".

Dennis Tobin made a motion to let Mayor and Council know that parking at fields should be a priority. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Yes - Dave Barnish, Janet Bunnivant, Cindy Klein, Dave Levin, Dennis Tobin and John Young. Absent: Joan Reilly

Dennis Tobin asked Debbie if there is a good time of the year to address the maintenance at Naritcong Field. Debbie said that the field was rolled this year and Kerry Baker did extensive care this year on the field. Maintenance is done every year in the spring. Dennis asked Debbie to get a cost to sod the infield.

John Young said he spoke to Steve Ward about getting the fields ready for play, a little earlier in the coming season.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

John asked Debbie if there is anything together for Summer Recreation. Debbie said that she is working on the basketball program and when the basketball is up and running she will get something together for the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2004 MINUTES

Cindy Klein made a motion to approve the October 12, 2004 minutes. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dave Barnish announced that there were eleven kids in cross country competing in the state meet and all eleven advanced with the regionals. The 13-14 boy team were first in the state and the 9-10 boy team were first in the state. There will be a regional meet than a national meet.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary