

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

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
Cindy Klein
Dave Levin (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)
Joan Reilly
John Young
ABSENT: Dennis Tobin

Also in attendance were Debbie Armeno, Recreation Coordinator and Sylvia Petillo, Council Liaison.

John Young led The Salute To The Flag.

2005 REORGANIZATION MEETING

John Young read the Resolution for the scheduled meeting dates for 2005 for the Recreation Commission. Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the Resolution. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joan Reilly made a motion to nominate John Young for Commission Chairman. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joan Reilly made a motion to nominate Dennis Tobin for Vice Chairman. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joan Reilly made a motion to nominate Cindy Klein for Secretary. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Cindy Klein made a motion to nominate Joan Reilly for Treasurer. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Cindy Klein made a motion to nominate Dennis Tobin as Chairman for the Commission's Field Committee with the assistance from Cindy Klein and Dave Levin. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Cindy Klein made a motion to nominate Joan Reilly as Chairman of the Commission's Finance Committee with the assistance from Janet Bunnicant and Dave Barnish. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dave Barnish made a motion to nominate Joan Reilly to serve as a Recreation Member to the Open Space Committee. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Marianne Whelan is coming before the Recreation Commission to ask for some funding for a new traveling baseball league with girls fourteen and under and twelve and under. There will be two teams and they will be doing tournaments.

Janet Bunnicant asked Marianne Whelan how many girls will be participating. Marianne said there will be fifteen girls for the fourteen and under and twelve girls for the twelve and under team. Joan Reilly reminded Marianne of the out of town - three per team ordinance and that she must submit a roster with all information of the girls. Marianne agreed. John Young's concern is that he would like to know if all the girls from Hopatcong had an opportunity to try out for the traveling team. Marianne Whelan said yes, and that she posted bulletins all around town.

John Young asked Marianne Whelan what dollar amount she was looking for or what are the expenses going to be. Marianne stated that they have nothing and that the parents are currently paying for the expenses.

Debbie Armeno said that Marianne told her that said she needed about \$1200.00 to get started. Marianne agreed and she said that the money will be going towards insurance, Babe Ruth fees, umpires, equipment, etc.

Joan Reilly made a motion to award Marianne Whelan, for the traveling baseball team, \$1200.00. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Marianne Whelan thanked the Recreation Commission.

FIELD PERMITS

John Young reminded everyone that the field permits were due by the January meeting, but with the cushion of time because of the cancellation of the January meeting due to the snow, this gave the Commission the time to get the field requests approved and a schedule made out by the March meeting.

Ralph LoBue representing Hopatcong Travel Baseball is requesting one night per week for practice at Jefferson Field.

John Young said that any approval of field requests is a decision made by the entire Recreation Commission. John is going to forward all the request forms and Debbie Armeno's schedule to our Field Committee and in March they will come back to the Commission with any suggestions, or their plan if it differs from Debbie's. Joan Reilly

made a request that a copy of the field requests be sent to all the board members. John Young agreed.

The public is requesting a possible opening date of March 15, 2005 to get out on the fields. Joan Reilly said they will know more by the March meeting. John Young had suggested to Steve Ward, the possibility of getting the fields opened a little sooner and he said that he would try. John said that nothing can be done until the weather changes and the snow melts. Debbie Armeno reminded the Commission that the contractors for the fields has yet to go out for bid. John would like to request that Naritcong Field be first field on the list to get ready.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John asked Debbie if she put anything together as far as the Summer Recreation Program and the possibility of expanding it. Debbie said approximately \$100.00 additional cost per child for the before and after care, but she said she really doesn't have any concrete numbers. The Commission continued to discuss the possibility of a Summer Recreation "Expanded Program." Debbie Armeno said she could have a program report to the Commission by this weekend.

John stated that he had a letter from a new group called The Hopatcong Wild Cats who were requesting funds from the Recreation Commission. The Hopatcong Wild Cats is a newly formed cheerleading organization that goes to competitions during the winter.

Joan Reilly said she has reservations on this issue because a travel cheerleading squad is not the focus of this Commission. Janet Bunnivant stated that her feeling is that we have town organized cheerleading teams and town organized competitions, and The Hopatcong Wild Cats has created their own organization to cheer. Dave Levin said we need a little more information on this organization. Janet stated that no one is at tonight's meeting to represent the organization, and if the funds are really needed than someone should have attended the meeting to be able to answer questions that the Recreation Commission might have.

ANNUAL FIELD TOUR

John Young would like to set a date for the annual Field Tour. John suggested March 13th and rain date will be March 20th 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at Jefferson Field.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2004 MINUTES

Cindy Klein made a motion to approve the November 9, 2004 minutes. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion and all were in favor with Joan Reilly abstaining.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Debbie Armeno announced that on March 1, 2005 is her last day at the Borough of Hopatcong as the Recreation Coordinator. Debbie has accepted the position of Director of Recreation for the Borough of Florham Park. Debbie will be staying on part time to get through all the Spring issues, field requests, registrations, a couple of trips and

whatever else comes up until a new Recreation Coordinator is hired. The Recreation Commission wished Debbie Armeno well.

Janet Bunnivant mentioned a fund raiser for a child in town, however, the Junior Chiefs that are hosting this fund raiser were sent a building usage form with an outrageous amount for the cost of custodial services. Sylvia Petillo said that the school is looking into this matter.

Laurie Spaziani spoke to the Commission about the number of custodians at an event.

Two representatives for the Hopatcong Wild Cats showed up during tonight's meeting. Drew DelaSala and Ms. Herdman were asked by John Young if there were any try outs for the organization, and they said that there were no try outs. John also asked where the advertising was posted and Mr. DelaSala and Ms. Herdman said they placed flyers at Quik Chek and at the Civic Center. They also stated that the team was formed by calling the girls that were interested in cheerleading.

ADJOURN

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary