

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 12, 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  
Cindy Klein  
Dave Levin  
Joan Reilly  
John Young  
**ABSENT:** Janet Bunnivant  
Dennis Tobin

John Young led The Salute To The Flag. Field Forms were handed out to the commission members.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Nick Nemeth, representing the Hopatcong Hawks Soccer attending the meeting. Nick is requesting trash cans at Veteran's Field. Nick also stated that the new installed fence does not meet with the gate. Nick informed the commission that a group of high school kids were on the field playing baseball while there was a game going on and the kids started going over the fence with the balls. Nick asked the kids to redirect where they were hitting the balls and the kids reluctantly hit the balls at the field that wasn't being played on and when they left, another set of kids showed up and created the same problem but they would not move or leave and the police had to be called. Nick said that he doesn't want to stop anyone from any sports activity but the field wasn't built for hardball. Nick mentioned that a net was suppose to be put up but there was no net at this time. Nick is requesting that the other field be closed during the playing time. Nick also mentioned that there are no bleachers at Veteran's Field at this time.

John Young said he will look into all of Nick's issues with the most important item being the fence not meeting up to the gate.

Joan Reilly asked Nick if a chain linked fence that is padlocked across the opening of the fence to the gate would temporarily solve the problem. Nick said a couple of poles and a chain would be less expensive and this would also work, but he also agreed to Joan's idea.

Mr. Tiger is part of a league called the Atlantic Coast Football League and is looking for a home field for an adult football team. Joan Reilly asked Mr. Tiger how many Hopatcong residents are on this team. Mr. Tiger said there are no Hopatcong residents, and Joan told Mr. Tiger that according to the town ordinance the commission cannot give him a field because there has to be a maximum of three out of town residents and the rest have to be Hopatcong residents. Mr. Tiger thanked the commission for their time and effort.

A gentleman representing a soccer club handed in team rosters for each travel soccer team.

Michelle Yarosz has the information and prices on the banner that John Young requested. Michelle also asked about the tee shirts for the Memorial Day Parade she had previously mentioned and if the commission could help with the cost of the shirts.

Joan Reilly made a motion that the Recreation Commission sponsors and buys the tee shirts for the Memorial Day Parade for a limit of \$2500.00 including the banner. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: D. Tobin

Ralph LoBue representing travel baseball is handing in the four rosters for travel baseball. Ralph said he would like to comment that the fields are being maintained very well this year.

An empire from town attended the meeting this evening and would like to comment about Nariticong Field and that someone is going to get hurt walking from the concession stand to back stop. The fence should be raised or netting should be in place at the major field at Nariticong Field. John Young said the commission will definitely look into this situation.

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

John Young announced that the field walk took place on Sunday, April 3, 2005. Despite the bad weather the fields are not in bad shape. John said with the position of someone new helping with the fields is to filled and hopefully a new Recreation Coordinator will be in place soon and things will move on. John said the field use schedule was approved at the last meeting and a slightly modified copy of the two forms were given out to the commission members this evening.

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the forms for the field use schedule. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: D. Tobin

Joan Reilly said everything is going smoothly with Art Buehrer and the Summer Recreation Program and that the counselors are a very experienced staff this year. There is a new ruling in town that you have to be sixteen to be a counselor in training. Joan asked our Recreation Liaison, Sylvia Petillo if she could please look into this matter. Sylvia agreed.

Dave Levin representing roller hockey has forms for the commission members to look at regarding the roller hockey program. Dave would like to get adults involved in the roller hockey program. Dave said that without the help of adults, the program isn't going to work. Dave said that we need referees, officials and adult volunteers to help with the program. Joan Reilly suggested a registration fee and maybe we can hire adults to help with the program.

John Young said in the area of trying to get different sports organizations to cooperate and have community registrations could be a very good thing for the sports organizations. The Hawks Soccer and Warriors Football are doing two joint registrations on May 21, 2005 and June 4, 2005. Online registration might be an option.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2005 MINUTES**

With the changes requested by John Young on the March 22, 2005 minutes, Cindy Klein made a motion to approve the March 22, 2005 minutes. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: D. Tobin

**ADJOURN**

Cindy Klein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso  
Recording Secretary