

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MAY 10, 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  
Joan Reilly  
Dennis Tobin  
John Young

Also in attendance were Jen Siegel, Recreation Coordinator and Mayor Richard Hodson.

John Young led The Salute To The Flag. John Young and the Recreation Commission welcomed the new Recreation Coordinator, Jen Siegel.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Hodson announced that the skate board park will be installed by June 6, 2005, the lights are ordered for the field behind the Civic Center and this is being done one field at a time because of the lack of money and also because of the bidding laws. Hopatcong Days are July 9<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> with the fireworks being on July 17, 2005. Also, the trails and walkways study will start in July and take about nine months and hoping that they will emphasize on the short trails.

Nick Nemeth handed in the Hopatcong Hawks Soccer rosters. Nick thanked the Commission for calling him about the bleachers. John Young said he would like it if he and Nick could decide which bleachers go to Veteran's Field. Nick discussed the keys for the lights at Vet's Field and the fact that they were accidentally left on. Nick believes that the auto feature on the lights are not needed. John said he would check into this matter. Jen Siegel suggested that the situation can be handled if she gets names of individuals who get the keys, and if the commission would be interested in having a phone chain for the police to call the people who have keys. John Young said that was a very good idea.

Jerry DeVenuta representing Hopatcong Men's Basketball is coming before the board because the upkeep of Modick Park has been neglected. Jerry stated that there is a light

that's been out for almost three years and it's very hazardous when playing basketball. Jerry also said that there is no seating at Modick Park and the parents and all who attend don't have anywhere to sit. Jerry said he loves this sport more than anything but he can't promote it if no one can sit down and watch it. He said Jen is going to try to do something about this issue. Jerry also has to fix the rims every year for the last three years and it costs him \$89.00 to repair each rim and he has the bills to prove it. Jerry is asking the commission to replace the rims with snap-back rims because they last longer. The rims are in disrepair now. Dennis Tobin said that the rims need to be at ten feet. Jerry said fixing up the main court would be great.

John Young stated that due to the vacancy in Jen Siegel's position, we did not ask any program for field permits for the fall season, but in the future we are going to ask for the fall season permits to be submitted at the May meeting, so we're excepting them in June for this year.

Chris Anderson would like to know what time for the joint sign up on May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>. John Young said everyone has agreed to do 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., however, Art Buehrer will be there 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

John Young would like to have Dennis Tobin's opinion of the snap-back rims. Dennis said it depends on how much money to spend but in a long run, the snap-back rims are in most high schools, colleges and professional coliseums and the pound per pressure they can take is what big college athletes and professionals use, so properly installed, they will last a very long time. Jen Siegel commented that the rims are also a safety factor.

Joan Reilly made a motion to purchase two rims, with a limit of \$189.99 per rim for the basketball court. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

John Young again mentioned that the field requests for the fall season are going to be due by the next meeting in June 2005. Jen and John are going to be getting letters out to all the appropriate programs.

John said that the netting for the fields will probably be in the future plans because there is not enough money in the budget for this year, according to the Borough Administrator.

The minimum age for the Summer Recreation counselors is sixteen years of age because of a liability issue. Mayor Hodson said that this is probably an insurance issue and it makes sense.

Dennis Tobin made a motion to fund the tee shirts for Project Graduation. Joan Reilly seconded the motion (with a purchase order), and all were in favor.

Jen Siegel has a field request for Hill Top II from women's adult soccer for June 27, 2005 to mid August.

#### **MEETING WILL AGAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Michelle Yarosz said everything is a go for the tee shirts at \$4.25 each for 300 children. Michelle is going to contact Linda Hackett to put out a flyer. Michelle also has the design for the shirts. Michelle also has to order the sign for the parade. Candy and water will provided for the kids.

Jen Siegel said that all participants in the parade will meet at the DPW garages. John Young informed Jen that Michelle Yarosz came to the commission with this idea and she took it upon herself to organize all the youth sports programs to march in the parade.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2005 MINUTES**

Cindy Klein made a motion to approve the April 12, 2005 minutes. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Abstain: D. Tobin

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Dennis Tobin said he will be in touch with Jen Siegel regarding youth basketball.

A member of the audience discussed the girls little league baseball with the Recreation Commission.

Dave Levin mentioned the family skate night and made a few suggestions.

Mayor Hodson cautioned John about advertising on the sign at Borough Hall and how limited this sign is and what little space there is for advertising. If given enough time, the Mayor said he could put information on the web-site.

Joan Bunnivant said that the commission collects rosters and is asking the commission if we know who the coaches are out there. John said we can look into that matter. Dennis Tobin said the organizations can submit the coaches when they submit their rosters for the season.

Dennis Tobin made a motion to include coaches information to be included with rosters. Dave Barnish seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Art Buehrer has asked Jen Siegel to speak on his behalf if the Recreation Commission has decided on his contract.

Joan Reilly made a motion to raise the Summer Recreation fees to \$190.00, \$180.00 and \$170.00. There being a discussion and not seconded, Janet Bunnivant made a motion to raise the Summer Recreation fees to \$190.00, \$175.00 and \$160.00. Dennis Tobin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso  
Recording Secretary