

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 14, 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:** Janet Bunnicant  
Dave Levin  
Joan Reilly  
John Young  
**ABSENT:** Dave Barnish  
Cindy Klein  
Dennis Tobin (excused)

Also in attendance:  
Mayor Richard Hodson  
Jen Siegel, Recreation Coordinator  
Sylvia Petillo, Council Liaison

John Young led the Salute To The Flag.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Nick Nemeth attended the meeting this evening and is requesting a place to practice county soccer with Morris County Select Soccer. Nick stated that he is fully aware that the ordinance states that the maximum out-of-towners is three. Morris County Select is a summer Morris County group and of course we are Sussex County, but they just don't have a place to practice and Nick is asking if they would be given some consideration to allow them to practice in Hopatcong. Nick is making this request not as a Hopatcong Hawk Soccer Club but as an individual.

John Young asked how many members are on the team. Nick said that there are fifteen or sixteen members from all over Morris County. Dave Levin asked if there are any permits out on Veteran's Field right now. John announced that Spring Soccer is on that field right now. Jen Siegel said that adult soccer has put in permits for the summer for about two or three nights per week. John said that the Recreation Commission could discuss the matter and consider if the commission is in support of this and tell Mayor and Council if the commission is in favor or not in favor but Nick must go to the Mayor and Council with this request. Nick thanked the Recreation Commission for their consideration.

Sal Guglielmello is asking the Recreation Commission what his end permit dates are for spring soccer. John Young said he could go until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the girls youth soccer team went 10-0 this year and won their division.

Mayor Hodson reminded John Young that today is Flag Day and if all goes well the Freedom Tree will be lit again.

Mike Nwosu is requesting to start a team called Pad Court. It's played like tennis or volleyball and you can play single or doubles. The court is played with nets and the object of the game is to toss the ball and then it is tossed back to you trying to displace you just like tennis. Mike would like to make this game public by starting it in Hopatcong and then going out of state and hopefully if the game picks up he would like to take it to The Olympics. Mike is asking for support from Hopatcong with an area to play this game. Dave Levin asked Mike if he had coaches. Mike said yes. John Young's concern is where is the commission going to find a paved area. Dave Levin said that he was thinking of the hockey rink if they provide their own stand up nets. John said we couldn't do it because the guidelines are limited for the skateboard roller rink. The Recreation Commission and Mike Nwosu continued to discuss the new activity. John advised Mike that granting a permit to use a given facility to any organization would need proof of insurance and without this insurance the commission could not grant permission for a permit. Joan Reilly said it might be possible to put this under the Hopatcong Umbrella. Janet Bunnican said that this doesn't preclude them from using an area without being an official organization. Joan Reilly said Jen Siegel has to look into this matter with Lorraine Stark, the Borough Clerk.

John Young announced that he has the field requests for the fall season and is asking the public if anyone else has any additional requests.

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

John said that there are no permits for Fall Ball. John also said that he will mail out the fall schedule to all the commission members.

John asked Jen Siegel if she had any further information regarding the basketball rims. Jen said that the rims are very expensive and the vender involved does not take a purchase order, they will only take a credit card and the vender that does except purchase orders said that it will probably take six to eight weeks to get them, so Scott Stoner is going to fix the rims, the backboards and also check for the ten feet height of the rims, but until the rims come in we'll have to stay with the ones we have.

Jen mentioned a stop payment on a check because an individual was unhappy with the way the camp director was very lax about the information she received or didn't receive about her child having allergies and the individual is asking the commission to waive the fee for a stop payment on her check. John wanted to clear the situation with the information that the parent signed her child up with severe allergies and needs more attention than usual and then decided at some point that she didn't want to sign him up, and put a stop payment on the check and she wants the refund of the stop payment fee of

\$20.00. John wanted to confirm that the advertising for the signing up for the first, last and only registration for Summer Recreation was for June 2005 and the parent had some doubts after signing up. Jen said the parent had acquired some doubts after she spoke to the camp director after she signed up her child she changed her mind.

Janet Bunnicant made a motion to not recommend that the town waive the fee. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: Barnish, Klein, Tobin.

John Young announced that there were two community registrations and they were very successful. The two registrations were also on the town web-site.

John wanted to comment on the Memorial Day Parade and said that he thought it was a great success with Michelle Yarosz in charge of the tee shirts and how she handled the situation and all were noticed when they marched, and Dave Levin said it was a really nice site to see all that were marching together wearing the same shirts. The commission wants to thank Michelle Yarosz for doing such a great job and maybe continue the same thing for next year.

Jen Siegel announced that the grand opening for the Skate Park is on June 25, 2005. Jen wanted to know if Hopatcong is going to sponsor Miss Hopatcong and Little Mr. and Miss Hopatcong.

Joan Reilly made a motion to sponsor Miss Hopatcong and Little Mr. and Miss Hopatcong. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: Barnish, Klein, Tobin.

Joan Reilly made a motion to sponsor Little Miss and Little Mr. Hopatcong with candy and a pin to every participant and a trophy going to the top winner with no entry fee. Janet Bunnicant seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: Barnish, Klein, Tobin.

John Young said that we should just concentrate on just having a Miss Hopatcong and not having Little Mr. and Miss Hopatcong.

The amended motion: Joan Reilly made a motion to forego Little Mr. and Miss Hopatcong for 2005 and only hold Miss Hopatcong with \$250.00 for first prize, \$150.00 for second prize and \$50.00 for third prize (16 to 21), Tierra, sash and flowers to the winner and to be held on Friday night July 29, 2005. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: Barnish, Klein, Tobin.

Dave Levin discussed Family Skate Night but doesn't know if he would be available for that night. Jen said there is going to be a contest for skate boarding.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

The lights on the tennis courts should be set for auto lighting. John asked Jen to please look into this matter. Scott Stoner is the new employer hired for helping the Recreation Department during the summer days.

Nick Nemeth asked the commission for the endorsement for the practice request regarding the Morris County Select Soccer Team. Dave Levin said he is okay with the practice request. John Young asked Nick how much practice does he need. Nick said he would need a couple of nights per week through the third week of July.

Janet Bunnivant made a motion to write a letter to Mayor and Council requesting they support the use of a field for the Morris County Select Soccer Team. Dave Levin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: **YES:** Bunnivant, Levin and Young **NO:** Reilly  
Absent: Barnish, Klein, Tobin.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2005 MINUTES**

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the June 10, 2005 minutes. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Joan Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Bunnivant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso  
Recording Secretary