

**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 14,2004**

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 Daily Record and The News-Leader 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
John Young
Joan Reilly
EXCUSED: Dennis Tobin

Also in attendance were Debbie Armeno, Recreation Coordinator.

John Young led the Salute To The Flag.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Nick Nemeth wanted to know what the Recreation Commission was going to do with the list of names that are on the soccer teams. Nick said that there is a concern because it's a list of kids names on the list and it shouldn't go outside the Recreation Commission.

Debbie Armeno said that the list gets locked in her office for insurance purposes. Debbie said that the insurance companies require rosters.

Nick also commented that the gate was unlocked at Veteran's Field.

John Young and Debbie Armeno said that Tom Vara wants to meet with all the groups (coaches) and work together with the high school programs.

Nick also wanted to know about any progress about lights on any additional fields.

Debbie said it was going before Mayor and Council.

Again, Nick Nemeth wanted to know what the "list" is for. Debbie said that the insurance company requires us (The Recreation Commission) to get rosters from all the programs, and in order for us to insure you for using our fields, we need rosters.

John Young added that insurance purposes is one, verifying or not verifying so we can tabulate for ourselves how many players each program had the previous year which we may use for information when we're considering field permits for the year we're considering them for, also, it would be for some programs to verify the "no more than three out-of-towners" per team rule.

The Commission asked for name, address and phone number and it will be kept confidential. Joan Reilly also said that they are looking for date of birth and grade.

Chris Anderson, President of the Hopatcong Warriors submitted his roster for the Warrior Program for this year.

Janet Bunnivant would like to discuss what to do with field permits when the Commission doesn't get the rosters on time.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

John Young said he contacted Little League Baseball and spoke to Kerry Baker and called Ralph LoBue and Dan Cotrau and hasn't heard back from them yet. John said the information that was being reviewed from last month for the roster procedures, will be for next year. What will happen if the new procedures are not followed is what is going to be determined. The procedure for this year does not fall under these guidelines yet. John is just looking to get some input from the sports programs as to what was a comfortable date for them to turn in their rosters. In regards to summer basketball, John spoke to Dennis Tobin and July was a comfortable date to hand in rosters. August would be satisfactory for football. John would like some input from Nick Nemeth for the soccer. Nick suggested late September would be okay but would only have to be updated after that, and mid April would be okay for spring sports.

John Young handed out the revised Field Request Forms to the Board Members.

Cindy Klein made a motion to adopt the new Field Request Forms. Joan Reilly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Absent: Dennis Tobin

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Joan Reilly made a motion to award the refunds for the Summer Recreation Program. Cindy Klein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

John Young brought up the discussion about the removal of the handball courts at Jefferson Field. John has visited the location and said you can probably fit twenty or so cars at that location. Joan Reilly said she would like to see the additional parking at that location. Cindy Klein made a motion to send a letter to Mayor and Council to get some figures from the borough engineer to do the addition parking project. Dave Levin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

John announced that Mayor and Council has resolved that they will no longer fund the weight room supervisor at the high school.

Councilwoman, Laurie Spaziani said Mayor and Council questioned the bill list for the payment of the weight room as to when it is, who knows about it, what's the story and it's never advertised to the public, so the Council decided not to fund the weight room program any longer.

John Young said several council people, the borough engineer and the Administrator were at Nariticong Field where the lights are and they're looking into keeping the lighting on the field and no where else. John also announced that there was a Rutgers Certification Course at the Civic Center.

Dave Levin said he attended the pep rally and super Saturday at the high school and he said it was great entertainment and he had a wonderful time.

Mayor and Council passed a resolution to unlock Nariticong Field and the only restriction is that nobody over the age of twelve can play baseball on that field, and signs are posted.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2004 MINUTES

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the August 10, 2004 minutes. Janet Bunnican seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary