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**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2002**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Recreation Commission was opened by Tim Carey 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: Greg Cardena
Vince Poisella
John Young
Tim Carey
ABSENT: Al Imbimbio
Joan Reilly
Dennis Tobin

Tim Carey led the Salute To The Flag.

DISCUSSION OF THE RECREATION MASTER PLAN

At the last meeting, we discussed the Recreation Master Plan. The Recreation Commission was going to approach the Borough Planner, Erik Snyder, to determine if he could meet with the Commission to discuss the Master Plan. Tim Carey has spoken to the Borough Planner and he advised the Commission that his Tuesday's are completely occupied and he also indicated that the Recreation Master Plan had already been adopted by the Planning Board. Therefore, any changes or any recommendations would be for an amendment or changes to the Recreation Plan for the future.

Tim Carey mentioned that Vince Poisella had expressed an interest in looking at the Plan and that Vince would like to comment on it. The following memo is the response from Vince Poisella's Sample Considerations:

- 1 - Address the need for additional facilities and necessary improvements for existing facilities, including the specific need for increasing the number of fields.
- 2 - Address the need for Hopatcong Borough beach access for community members.
- 3 - Implement a plan for increased playgrounds for specific neighborhoods.

4 - Begin a dialogue with the Board of Education to establish a five-year plan for increased field usage for borough sports programs.

5 - Create an accurate listing of all recreation groups in the borough and seek a statement of needs from each group.

6 - Begin the process for obtaining the property adjacent to the State Park for specific recreation usage.

7 - Establish guidelines for the use of the proposed new roller rink.

8 - List current needs for increased parking at fields.

9 - Address the advisability of capital improvements such as lights for existing fields, a teen center, a bikeway/walkway system and an indoor pool facility.

Vince said that these are the recommendations that the Recreation Commission should bring to the Borough Council, and then maybe we will have a future plan and not looking at a plan that represents the past.

Tim Carey went on the internet to see what other towns had done that was similar to what our needs were. Tim submitted a worksheet from Columbia, Missouri and their 2002 Recreation Open Space Master Plan Update. (attached)

John Young commented that he believes that the list of the nine sample considerations that Vince Poisella submitted are most of the things you would want to consider when drawing up a Master Plan.

Tim Carey asked Vince what he thought the next step should be on this matter.

Vince said the Recreation Commission needs to discuss the process of what we would recommend to the Borough Council as priorities.

Tim Carey suggested that we look at the recommendations in three levels:

First - The Inventory of facilities and facilities that are not there.

Second - Groups to come in with their assessments and create a set of Standards.

Third - The Needs (prioritize) and cost figures.

Tim Carey announced that there will not be a Recreation Meeting in December but we will resume in January with the Re-Organization Meeting and the three levels of recommendations for the Master Plan. (Tim added that he forgot to add the Bocce Courts to the outdoor facilities/activities.)

Vince Poisella suggested that Debbie Armeno make a list of all organizations in town that are connected to recreation and give the list to the Recreation Board Members.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

John Young said the Warriors Football Program would like to thank the Commission for their support during the season. The Varsity Team was undefeated and the JV Team tied for second place in the division.

Greg Cardena would like to thank the Commission for their cooperation for a successful season in soccer.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2002 MINUTES

John Young made a motion to approve the October 8, 2002 minutes. Vince Poisella seconded the motion and all were in favor. absent: Al Imbimbio, Joan Reilly and Dennis Tobin.

ADJOURN

John Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Vince Poisella seconded the motion and all were in favor. absent: Al Imbimbio, Joan Reilly and Dennis Tobin.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary