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**HOPATCONG RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 9, 2002**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Recreation Commission was opened by Tim Carey at 8:05 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: Vince Poisella
Joan Reilly
Dennis Tobin
John Young
Tim Carey
ABSENT: Greg Cardena
Al Imbimbio

Also in attendance were Debbie Armeno, Recreation Coordinator, Councilman Paul Burke and Marie Filoso, Recreation Commission Recording Secretary.

Tim Carey led the Salute To The Flag.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Not having anyone present from the public at tonight's meeting, the meeting is closed to the public.

Tim Carey stated that there hasn't been any complaints about the Hopatcong Fields, the parking, the rain or any other factor that might have an impact on the fields for the summer.

SUMMER RECREATION

Joan Reilly commented that the Summer Recreation Program is going very well and in order.

Debbie Armeno announced that July 13, 2002 is Kids Day at Modick Park. A magician, a clown, moonwalk, Smokey The Bear, games, karaoke, a dunk tank, pie toss, ice cream social, singing and a concert in the park will be part of Kids Day. In addition, there will be various groups around town to set up tables.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Debbie said the Bocce Courts are being taken care of and she is waiting to get the shed from Jefferson Field so it can be used for the supplies for the Bocce Courts. Debbie also stated that JCP&L has to come and finish the last line.

Tickets have been sold out for the play "Contact" and also for "The Producers." Debbie said that all Broadway Plays and sports activities are announced on a weekly newsletter and are put out bi-weekly in all of the stores around town.

Joan Reilly asked why the Pee Wee Sports are not happening during the summer.

Debbie said it is going to be done in the fall because there was not enough interest in the Pee Wee Sports.

Tim Carey said the Recreation Commission will look to next year to see if it can be moved to an earlier date.

Dennis Tobin said the basketball program is going well but a few games have to be rescheduled because of bad weather.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Vince Poisella said the video project has yet to be edited. Vince added that Bill 446 went to the Governor's desk concerning the Athletic Code of Conduct for students, coaches and parents.

John Young and Debbie Armeno are going to get together and schedule all the fields for the fall. John said an information packet went out to whoever registered to inform everyone about the parking at Naritcong Field. Debbie said she's trying to get additional lighting at Naritcong Field for the pathway.

Debbie announced there is going to be a coaches clinic at the Civic Center on July 22, 2002.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilman Paul Burke informed the Recreation Commission that there have been complaints from the Senior Citizens that they are disenfranchised relative to interface with the town since the passing of Mal Malanga.

Tim Carey asked Councilman Burke if the seniors have a recommended person to join the Committee.

Vince Poisella asked Councilman Burke if any of the seniors were available to attend the Recreation Meeting.

Councilman Burke said he is just trying to help the situation.

Tim Carey said that if they needed a senior citizen replacement for Mal Malanga, they

could approach the Mayor and suggest somebody.

Councilman Burke said he is going to volunteer and have a discussion at the next senior meeting on this matter.

Vince Poisella said he would be happy to see what he could do to help, and Joan Reilly said if the seniors wanted someone at the Executive Board Meeting, she would be willing to attend.

LIGHTS AT VETERAN'S FIELD

Councilman Burke is asking the Commission if there are going to be lights put on Veteran's Field.

Tim Carey said this is not the call of the Recreation Commission but that of Mayor and Council.

Board Members were asked their opinion of the lights on Veteran's Field:

John Young said that the money is better spent on trying to find more fields or instead of putting all \$300,000.00 in game lights on Veteran's Field, but to put practice lights on this and other fields.

Vince Poisella said there are so many other concerns and he has no preference.

Joan Reilly is against the lights because the fields cannot take the abuse with more playing time. Joan agrees that the money can be used in other ways and we should be planning a youth center for the town.

Tim Carey said unless we have a massive sports program, we're not going to be utilizing the fields.

Dennis Tobin said additional fields are more a priority than the lights.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2002 MINUTES

Dennis Tobin asked to change the spelling of Pam Wrede's name.

Joan Reilly made a motion to approve the June 11, 2002 minutes. Vince Poisella seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ADJOURN

John Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Dennis Tobin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso, Recording Secretary