

**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
2 JUNE 2005 HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**1. OPENING OF MTG., OPEN PUBLIC MTG ACT, NJUFC ANNOUNCEMENT; ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCE QUORUM**

**The meeting was opened at 7:42 PM in the Municipal Building. by Chairperson Susan Jones.**

**The members and the public were informed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, the Daily Record, The Star-Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for Public announcements.**

**In accordance with NJUFC, it was indicated that there are exits from the meeting room in the rear of the room (the door through which all entered) and in the outside wall to the left of the dais, as the audience faces the dais, that should be utilized in case of emergency. The door immediately to the right of the dais as the audience faces the dais is not an exit door. The meeting was taped for the purpose of constructing minutes.**

**A roll call showed the following members of the Open Space/Recreation Committee in attendance: Richard Hodson, Susan Jones, Elizabeth Mauro, Sylvia Petillo, and Elide Young. Clifford Lundin and Joan Reilly were absent due to a School Board function. A quorum was present.**

**2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING:**

**On motion of Young and Mauro and the affirmative votes of all Richard Hodson was appointed acting secretary for the meeting.**

**3. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE A moment of silent reflection and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairperson Jones.**

**4. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. No one in the audience chose to speak.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING 5 MAY : On motion of Young and Petillo and the affirmative votes of all, the minutes of the 5 May 2005 meeting (a joint meeting with the Environmental Commission) were approved.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS: STATUS OF PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

**SUMMARY OF PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

**BY THE OPEN SPACE/ RECREATION COM.**

**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COM. 12/31/2004**

**PROJECT**

<b>THREE 60 FT BASEPATH FIELDS, ON HILL BEHIND CIVIC CENTER</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>ROLLER HOCKEY RINK</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>WALKWAY-MODICK PARK</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>VETERANS WAY IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>\$18,500</b>
<b>VETERANS FIELD EXTENSION</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>SKATEBOARD PARK</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>LOW LEVEL LIGHTING-CC HILL</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
	<b>\$341,500</b>

**Negotiations between the sewer contractor and the Hopatcong School District over the use of fill made available from the sewer project may have ground to a halt. Accordingly, the “60 FT BASEPATH FIELDS” project is on hold.**

**The ROLLER HOCKEY RINK is complete. The SKATEBOARD PARK is essentially all installed. An inspection is to follow. It should be open to the public by the beginning of July.**

**Of the items in the VETERANS WAY IMPROVEMENT a low wall is to be constructed to replace the rope barrier. As part of the VETERANS FIELD EXTENSION, fill has been placed and spread. Topsoil and seeding is to be done.**

**The poles are so that one of the fields (Field 3) on top of the hill behind the Civic Center can be lighted, as part of the LOW LEVEL LIGHTING-CC HILL project. The other parts of the project for the one field are on order.**

**PATHS/WALKWAYS The Borough has signed a contract with Morris Land Conservancy for a Greenway/Trails Plan, funded by a grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The Open Space/Recreation Committee has established as a goal for 2005 the development of a comprehensive plan for paths and walkways in the Borough. Development of paths and walkways will benefit all residents of the Borough. Emphasis should be placed on projects near developed areas of the Borough, on projects over which the grades are not too steep, and on initial projects relatively easy to implement. This Plan will be a vital part of meeting the goal. The work on the Plan is to start in July and require nine months.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS: REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2000.**

**The Committee discussed some of the history of the Committee, sections of minutes, and decisions made by the Committee. By early July the Committee plans to have a summary report of the Committee's activities since its inception in 2000. Although chronological in nature, the report will be written in a summary style.**

**8. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS: The meeting was opened to the public by Chairperson Jones. No one desired to speak.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:14 PM on motion of Young and Mauro and the affirmative votes of all, the meeting was adjourned.**