

**MINUTES OF THE  
RECREATION COMMISSION**

**HOPATCONG BOROUGH HALL, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NJ**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Recreation Commission Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** This meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Recreation Commission Chairperson invites all present to salute the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** The Recording Secretary will call the role.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Dave Barella, Darrin DiNapoli, Cheryl Ostman, Wendy Sutton, Kelly Gravatt, Ulla Vinkman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Recreation Liaison Roseanne Schult, Recording Secretary Nancy McCormack Boehm, Mayor Marie Galate, Councilwoman Jennifer Johnson

**OPEN SPACE UPDATE:** Liaison Dave Barella—There are no updates.

**CELEBRATIONS OF EVENTS UPDATE:** Liaison Wendy Sutton—There are no updates

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairperson Wendy Sutton —There are no updates

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Field Request:**

Neil approved HHS Soccer Team to use Vets Field from September 30<sup>th</sup>–October 2<sup>nd</sup>. PBA Food Truck Festival, September 21, 2024 at Vets Field. Chairperson Sutton spoke with Neil to make sure the food trucks don't ruin the field.

Soccer Fall Program started the end of August and will run to November 30, 2024.

Field walk will be November 17, 2024 at 10:00am and begin at Vets Field. There is a committee, but everyone is welcome. Will review the report to see if anything new to add.

**ROLL CALL:**

All in favor of having the Soccer Fall Program start end of August—November 30, 2024.

**Back to School Nights:**

Recreation Committee has been asked to have a table at each school and will be able to promote the basketball program, will have flyers, but won't be able to sign up that night. HHS—September 17; HMS—September 24&25; Tulsa—September 19; Durban—September 18. Wendy will email everyone regarding time.

**Basketball:**

Planning as started with Chairperson Sutton reaching out to other towns. Waiting to hear back from 2 towns. Will have a meeting with towns to go over rules, scheduling. Will be reaching out to coaches to see who is coming back. Online registration opens September 23, 2024 and all in-person registration is at borough hall. Clinic—K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. League—3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to start a month earlier with practice in November and clinic and games to begin in January and end in March. Met with the Superintendent and are able to use the HHS gym on Saturdays. Will not be using Durban Ave or the Middle School, saving money. Will continue to use Tulsa Trail and middle school for practice. HHS has a better, bigger gym and be separated into 3 practice sessions at the same time. Joe Falconi is helping with scheduling but need someone to run the scheduling program. Frelinghuysen holds the program, so maybe another town can run it. Facility requests have not been submitted because they are working on the system. Wrestling will be using the auxiliary gym. There are 2 Saturdays basketball will not be able to use main gym because of wrestling tournaments. Need coaches' bag to include pinny, first aid kit, dry erase board, cones, ice pages, scorebooks.

Door monitors will be discussed before the season starts. Need a facility request for tables and chairs. Looking into what other towns are doing regarding the Ref fees. All volunteers need to be background checked. Rutgers has a Certified program for the coaches, insured up to 1 million dollars. Coaches might be able to do it here. Commissioner Gravatt requested that we get "real" game ball "Wilson Evolution Ball" and maybe reversible jerseys.

Can keep pricing same as long as we have same enrollment as last year; 125 kids (\$100—3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>; \$50—Clinic)

**ROLL CALL:**

All in favor to keeping prices the same as last year.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Gravatt made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Vinkman made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Commissioner Gravatt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:**

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Jun 11th. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Dave Barella—yes, Darrin DiNapoli—yes, Wendy Sutton—yes, Jackie Turkington—yes, Ulla Vinkman—yes

Next meeting: October 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by  
Nancy McCormack Boehm  
Recording Secretary