

**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION COMMISSION
HOPATCONG BOROUGH HALL, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD
HOPATCONG, NJ
DECEMBER 19, 2024
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7PM**

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, Ulla Vinkman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Recording Secretary Nancy McCormack Boehm,

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Lighting/Santa in the Park:

Event went very well, there was a good turnout despite the very cold weather. Santa didn't have as many children as prior years due to the cold.

Menorah Lighting:

The Menorah Lighting will take place on December 26th 2024 at 6:00pm at the Borough Hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up at 5:00pm and then to help handout hot chocolate and donuts which will take place inside the borough hall. There will also be chocolate coins to be handed out to the kids.

Bingo:

Will table until January, to which Commissioner Barella yelled BINGO! Chairperson Sutton asked Commissioner Vinkman to start putting together. Will look into getting a digital calendar.

Basketball:

Basketball practice has started. However, it will take place at Durban Ave due to scheduling issues at the High School. There will be no charge for the use of Durban Ave on Thursdays.

NEW BUSINESS:**Background Checks:**

The new Background Check program is set up. Everyone will get an email with a link. Anyone working with children will need to have a background check. Anyone helping with events will need a background check. \$299 will cover 21 background checks and we will be invoiced for any additional ones. Question came up as to who will be checking volunteers and helpers for background checks. This is a question for the Council as they voted it in as a Resolution. Chairperson Sutton will forward the Resolution to all Commission members.

Vote on Dates:

Recreation Commission meetings will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month except June, which will be held on Monday June 9th.

All in favor. Yay.

MOTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO FAMILY:

Commissioner Barella made a motion to approve and not exceed \$50 to Kathy Taylor for basketball registration. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Dave Barella–yes, Darrin DiNapoli–yes, Cheryl Ostman–yes, Wendy Sutton–yes, Ulla Vinkman–yes

MOTION TO APPROVE BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT:

Commissioner Barella made a motion to approve and not exceed \$2,000 for additional basketball uniforms. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Dave Barella–yes, Darrin DiNapoli–yes, Cheryl Ostman–yes, Wendy Sutton–yes, Ulla Vinkman–yes

MOTION TO APPROVE REFEREE SCHEDULER:

Commissioner Barella made a motion to pay and not exceed \$5 per program. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Dave Barella–yes, Darrin DiNapoli–yes, Cheryl Ostman–yes, Wendy Sutton–yes, Ulla Vinkman–yes

MOTION TO APPROVE BASKETBALL PEP RALLY T-SHIRTS:

Commissioner Barella made a motion to approve and not exceed \$600 for Pep Rally T-shirts. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Dave Barella–yes, Darrin DiNapoli–yes, Cheryl Ostman–yes, Wendy Sutton–yes, Ulla Vinkman–yes

Chairperson Sutton recognized the passing of Ann Reardon with a moment of silence.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Barelli made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Commissioner Ostman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Ostman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 10th. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next meeting: January 14, 2025 at 7:00pm

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Submitted by
Nancy McCormack Boehm
Recording Secretary