

**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION COMMISSION
HOPATCONG BOROUGH HALL, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD, HOPATCONG, NJ
FEBRUARY 11, 2025
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 roll.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Darrin DiNapoli, Cheryl Ostman, Wendy Sutton, Jacking Turkington, Ulla Vinkman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Jennifer Johnson, Councilman Joe Falconi, Recording Secretary Nancy McCormack

OPEN SPACE UPDATE: Liaison Dave Barella—Have not met yet.

OUTER SPATIAL UPDATE: Liaison Dave Barella—Have not met yet.

CELEBRATIONS OF EVENTS UPDATE: Liaison Wendy Sutton—Have not met yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Hockey:

No updates. Registration opens this week, so far there are 8 signups.

Basketball:

Season ends March 15. Commissioner DiNapoli announced that his girls are undefeated and the season is going well.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL FOR JANUARY SCOREKEEPER, REFEREES NOT TO EXCEED \$2,990:

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Ostman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Background checks—\$290 initial amount gave us lifetime membership, account covers 14 people, \$22 per person. Basketball, street hockey, recreation, town events will require background checks = approximately 40, totaling an additional \$890.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS NOT TO EXCEED \$890:

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Ostman seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Insurance renewal—Street hockey went up \$80, totaling \$820 for 72 players, has higher risk factor. Prices will need to increase next year. Fees have never increased. Renewal is April 1, 2025. Basketball is \$170.

MOTION TO APPROVE INSURANCE RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,590:

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Facility usage—Lost the HS gym, needed to use Durban Ave gym on some Saturdays at \$45 an hour and to move tables equaling \$630.

MOTION TO APPROVE FACILITY USAGE BILL NOT TO EXCEED \$630:

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Refunds for basketball—Children did another sport and did not participate. Three families at \$100 each.

MOTION TO APPROVE REFUND TO 3 FAMILIES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION NOT TO EXCEED \$300:

Commissioner Turkington made a motion, Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Basketball—end of season tournament with HS freshman team maybe otherwise it will be amongst our teams. Approval need for pizza (from The Grotto) and water equaling \$500. Last year was \$392. More kids participated this year in the league and clinic. Clinic will receive medals and 3rd/4th grade will receive certificates.

MOTION TO APPROVE PIZZA AND WATER FOR BASKETBALL END OF SEASON NOT TO EXCEED \$800:

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:**Field Request**

“Kick Soccer” summer clinic at Vet’s Field from July 21-25, 2025 and August 11-15 2025. They have their own insurance. Commissioner Ostman inquired if there were any events on that date. Chairperson Sutton stated there were none. Councilman Falconi asked if there is a charge to use the field. Councilwoman Johnson suggested they talk to BA Snow. Chairperson Sutton said to delay the vote for now.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 5, 2025, rain date April 6, 2025, 12:00pm-2:00pm. Location is at Vet’s Field and not Modick Park this year, its easier to contain and section for different age groups. Easter Bunny pictures will be between 12:00-2:00pm. There are 9,000 eggs from last year, just need the candy.

Will need volunteers to scatter eggs at 10:00am. BA Snow asked to use the trust money for the Easter Egg Hunt. Chairperson Sutton will purchase the candy from Oriental Trading, purchase the Nabisco Variety Cookie Packs from BJ's and 5 cases of water. All totaling approximately \$1,200.

MOTION TO APPROVE MONIES FOR EASTER EGG HUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,250:

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MOTION TO APPROVE FIELD REQUEST DATES (pending any town events):

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion to approve. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilwoman Johnson would like a resolution to video record meeting. Chairperson Sutton stated we are not, and do not know how. Councilwoman Johnson suggested she speak with BA Snow since it was voted "yes" in 2024.

Barry Comerford said the Boy Scouts and Honor Society could help scatter the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Chairperson Sutton stated if they are under 18 they do not need a background check. Commissioner Ostman asked if the Girl Scouts could also help.

Barry Comerford announced that the HHS Baseball team will play Lenape Valley on Monday May 14, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Miners Stadium in Augusta. The cost is \$2,800 and is looking for a small donation.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Turkington made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Commissioner Ostman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Ostman pointed out in the minutes there was a mistake nominating Wendy Sutton as Vice Chairperson. The Nominee should have been Dave Barella. Recording Secretary Nancy McCormack will make the change. Commissioner Turkington made a motion to approve the remaining meeting minutes from January 14, 2025. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next meeting: March 10th at 7:00pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Commissioner Turkington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Submitted by
Nancy McCormack Boehm
Recording Secretary