

**MINUTES OF THE  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
HOPATCONG BOROUGH HALL, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD, HOPATCONG, NJ  
MAY 28, 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, Wendy Sutton, Jacking Turkington, Ulla Vinkman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Recreation Liaison Roseanne Schult, Recording Secretary Nancy McCormack Boehm, Councilwoman Jennifer Johnson and Councilwoman Rachel Rodriguez

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

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

**REASON FOR MEETING:**

Chairperson Sutton stated the reason for this special meeting was because on regularly scheduled meeting of we did not have a quorum and were unable to vote on items needed.

**First item** – Street hockey trophies – because of delay of meeting and voting will need to use expedited shipping. Will cost the same as last year which was \$1,000 but will include an approximate additional amount of \$200 for shipping.

Commissioner Barella made a motion to not exceed \$1,500, Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Second item** – basketball clinic in summer – 4 coaches volunteered, will be one night a week during July and August for an hour (location to be determined). Already have insurance for the full year and will be offered to current players. Commissioner Barella asked about having the clinic at Modick Park to allow the kids to be outside. It was determined that Modick has only one usable court and it would take away from the public. The unusable court falls under the Parks Commission and was not part of the Recreation Commission's Field Walk. All current players would need to register and the parent/guardian would need to sign a code of conduct form.

**ROLL CALL:**

All in favor of having the summer basketball clinic.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Comerford asked if the Market could be held at the Senior Center since the timing overlaps with street hockey and the parents must park in the Walgreens parking lot. Chairperson Sutton stated that the market couldn't be held there because it was school property. Councilwoman Rodriguez stated there were 45 vendors but going forward all are sold out at 65 vendors.

Chairperson Sutton asked if there were any problems with the skate park and Resident Comerford answered no. He also informed all that the finals for street hockey would be Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 (B) and 5:30 (A).

Resident Comerford reiterated that they needed the trophies by Saturday, which Chairperson Sutton replied that she was doing her best to get them there, but it was out of her control. Ordering 77-10" and a limited number of 12" for special categories and she would pick them up herself if needed.

Councilwoman Rodriguez let everyone know that the next meeting and all meetings going forward will be live-screened and then stored on YouTube and linked to the borough website.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner DiNapoli 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 DiNapoli made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 9th. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Next meeting: June 11, 2024 at 7:00pm

Chairperson Sutton asked the Commission members to be prepared at the next meeting with ideas for trips and activities for the town.

**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 7:35pm

Submitted by  
Nancy McCormack Boehm  
Recording Secretary