

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Reorganization and Regular Meeting

January 17, 2012

The Recreation Advisory Committee held reorganization and regular meeting on January 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Rd., Tranquility, NJ 07879.

ROLL CALL: Peg Phillips, Patty DeClesis, Brad Jones, Jim DeYoung, Chris Bilik, Brenda Grasso and Gladys Golder

Members present: Peg Phillips, Patty DeClesis, Jim DeYoung, Brad Jones, Brenda Grasso, and Gladys Golder. Chris Bilik was excused on Motion by Peg Phillips, seconded by Gladys Golder, approved by all, motion passed.

REORGANIZATION:

Nomination of Chairman

Motion to open nominations for Chair, Patty DeClesis nominated Peg Phillips, seconded by Gladys Golder. No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote for Chair Peg Phillips, all in favor, motion passed

Nomination of Vice Chairman

Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair, Peg Phillips nominated Patty DeClesis, seconded by Gladys Golder. No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote for Vice-Chair Patty DeClesis, all in favor, motion passed

Oaths of Office – Patty DeClesis, Vice-Chair administered the Oaths of Office.

Meeting dates for 2012 – Motion to approve the meeting dates. Discussions were held on changing the meeting time to 7:00 from 7:30. All approved the change of time and meeting dates for 2012 as follows:

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2012 MEETING DATES

Tuesday, January 17
Tuesday, February 21
Tuesday, March 20
Tuesday, April 17
Tuesday, May 15
Tuesday, June 19

Tuesday, July 17
Tuesday, August 21
Tuesday, September 18
Tuesday, October 16
Tuesday, November 20
Tuesday, December 11

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2011 and December 13, 2011.

Minutes of November 14, 2011 and December 13, 2011: A motion to accept the minutes with changes was made by Brenda Grasso. Patty DeClesis seconds the motion. Vote: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussions

a. 2012 Budget Update

- Peg attended the meeting when the Township Committee discussed the first go around of the budget.
- The official budget has not yet been finalized.
- Peg was able to clarify any questions raised by the Committee.

b. Popcorn Machine & Coffee Percolator Purchase

- \$500.00 of the Misc. money from 2011 budget was encumbered for the purchase of the popcorn machine and Coffee Percolator.
- In order to encumber the money a quote was needed from a vendor. Peg spoke with Sussex County Rental regarding the purchase. The quote came in @ \$700.00
- Brad will search for other prices regarding the popcorn machine. Peg Suggested reaching out to Sealand Restaurant Supply Company.

c. Gingerbread House Contest- recap

- Patty read the winners of the Gingerbread House:
- For the Team Builder Category- 1st place- Hannah Holzhauer, Jenny Ahmad, & Riley Scuralli, 2nd Place- The Phillips Family, and 3rd Place- Gingerbread JETS.
- Single Builder under 14- Ryan Holzhauer
- Single Builder 14-18- Stephanie Ahmad
- Single Builder 19 & Older- Debra Monaco.
- Pictures are displayed on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building.
- Overall the contest went well, but the turnout was low.
- The committee is in favor to hold another contest next year. The committee will brainstorm ideas on how to get the communication out better for next year.
- The committee received positive feedback from those who participated.
- There a few Rosette Ribbons left over that can be used for next year.
- The committee discussed making a change to the rules stating that the houses can only be constructed out of gingerbread. A house was constructed out of rice krispies and then the gingerbread was attached so the walls would stand better. The committee felt this was unfair to those who struggle trying to get the gingerbread together to hold with no other reinforcements.
- The idea of donating the house and/or to raise money for an organization could be way to increase involvement.

d. Tree Lighting- recap

- The event went well. Received positive feedback from those who attended.
- The Girl Scouts gathered all the food for the food donation.

- The event will have a 4:30pm start for next year.
- Hot Chocolate and juice will be served again next year along with coffee.

e. Ho Ho Hotline- Recap

- 35 calls were placed over the 2 day timeframe. This is down from about 80 calls that were placed last year.
- Some flyers were not handed out during parent/teacher conference which could have contributed to the low number of calls.
- Patty received positive feedback from the parents.

f. Home Decorating- Recap

- Not a lot of entries again this year.
- Need to communicate better that you can nominate homes.

g. Snow Tubing- update

- No one has registered to date.
- Need at least 15 people to get the discount.
- The event was posted in the school bulletin.
- Patty will ask Lou to post in on the board on 517.
- Brad will post the event on facebook.

h. Easter Egg Hunt- Update

- The Girl Scout Troop is on board to do it again. Peg will confirm with Rose what troop will be there.
- The event is scheduled for April 1. 2012.
- Patty will check the supplies that were left from last year.

i. Spring Skedaddle- Update

- The Spring Skedaddle will not take place this year. The committee was having trouble finding a date that is not conflicting with other races in the area.
- Peg mentioned to make the event worth it, we would need 100 applicants. In order to get more involvement, there was discussion regarding a former resident who established a scholarship fund for a green township resident that passed away a year after graduating High School. She thought it would be nice to team up with something locally to raise the funds for the scholarship.

j. Movie in the Park

- Jim did some research to buy equipment but it was not practical, costs are too high. It's best to rent the equipment and have them set up for \$675.00.
- A decent movie that came out in the last couple of years, the Performance License costs \$300.00. An older movie costs \$150.00. Holiday movies and Disney movies are \$300.00
- A Disney movie has some restrictions- Limited when to show the movie which is either mid May- June 21st or mid July- August. No Alcohol can be served and no more 1000 people in attendance.
- The License Company will send promotional material along with the license.

- Jim mentioned that you can rent the Mansfield Movie Theatre for \$500.00. Jim will get more information.

k. Green Township Day – 9/22

- The school had Brenda fill out a school usage form. They are ok with the date. School will work with the committee with whatever they need. Brenda will confirm with the school that they are ok with all the equipment that will be set up for the event.
- Climbing Wall- Jim is working with Hackettstown Armory.
- Fire Safety House- It's reserved. Peg mentioned it to Bill Rafferty. He will have a couple of firemen to help. The contact person is Beverly Foster 973-322-4344 at St. Barnabas Burn Foundation. The house need electricity, therefore, it will have to be set up near the pavilion. If there is a rain date and the house is available we can have on that day as well.
- Any Excuse for a Party- Peg received a revised contract. Holding the deposit from 2011. Reserved the same two pieces of equipment.
- Mark Ghia- Lost the deposit from 2011. There was discussion as to whether or not to keep him and it was decided to book him again.

l. Summer Rec

- Brenda would like to attend the Kindergarten Registration to discuss the program and handout forms. The recreation program is in need of games. Brenda mentioned the company Mind Ware which has educational games.
- Peg asked Brenda to make a list of the items that are needed.
- Brenda has pictures that were taken during last year's program and would like to make a poster for the bulletin board at school. Peg mentioned to add a release to the registration form to allow the use of pictures. Peg will talk to Linda Peralta to find out what can or cannot be done.
- School usage form is done.
- Every Wednesday there will be activities at the park.
- Brenda mentioned to have an assistant director vs. a sports director. Brenda will define what positions are needed and it will be presented to the Township Committee.

m. Other

- The committee discussed coming up with new ideas and ways to get more involvement from the community. Patty mentioned that Marybeth Holzhauer is a certified Yoga Instructor and would be interested in teaching Yoga downstairs at Town Hall. Patty will find out the cost and how much time Marybeth wants to put in.
- Jim mentioned that the Seventh Day Adventist School has a sign that says the gym is available for rent. Jim will look into the cost.
- There was discussion on ways to advertise for the upcoming events for the year. The events will be published in the Green Grapevine which currently gets distributed twice a year. The website should be up and running in Feb. Christine will bring the calendar of events to the February meeting to review. After the review of the calendar, the committee would like it forwarded to the school so it can be sent out with the school bulletin and so it can be posted at the school. There also was discussion on sending a 5X7 postcard bulk mailing listing the events for the year. Christine will call the printer used for the Green Grapevine to get a cost.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

Date approved