

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2015

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on September 15, 2015 at 7:05p.m. at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Rd. Tranquility NJ 07879.

ROLL CALL: Jim DeYoung, Peg Phillips, Patty DeClesis, Brad Jones, Brenda Grasso, Gladys Golder, and Colleen McLean.

Members present: Jim DeYoung, Patty DeClesis, Gladys Golder, Brad Jones, Brenda Grasso, and Colleen McLean. Also present was Christine Licata, Secretary. Members absent: Peg Phillips.

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2015 and August 18, 2015.

Minutes of June 16, 2015: A motion to accept the minutes was made by C. McLean, second by P. DeClesis. Vote all ayes, except B. Grasso and B. Jones who abstain, motion passed.

Minutes of August 18,2015: A motion to accept the minutes was made by G. Golder, second by P. DeClesis. Vote all ayes, except B. Grasso, B Jones, and C. McLean who Abstain, motion passed

NEW BUSINESS:

**1. Discussions
a. budgets**

- J. DeYoung commented that he is working on the budget for 2016. The budget will remain relatively the same and reminded the committee that there are funds in the trust account that need to be spent.

a. New Business

b. Unfinished Business

c. Activity Update

1. Summer Rec-Recap

- B. Grasso commented that @62 kids were registered for the program. Over all the program was well received. B. Grasso also mentioned that she received quite a few thank you letters from the parents on the program and how much their child enjoyed it.
- The Space Farm trip over all was good. However, B. Grasso stated that she will not be doing that trip again. It was too much work for one adult.
- C. Licata mentioned to B. Grass that L. Padula would like activity fee either rolled into the registration fee and not collected separately or established at the time of the resolution for approving the program.

- B. Grasso commented that for next year, she needs to hire one or two adults as Senior Counselors. It was a lot of work for Brenda to be the only adult.
- J. DeYoung questioned what the minimum number of kids registered would be sufficient to run the program. B. Grasso commented that 50 kids should be the minimum.

2. Green Township Day- Sept. 19th- Time 1:00pm- 5:00pm

- J. DeYoung stated that the opening ceremony will be a little longer than usual. Two name dedications, the baseball field dedication, the bench dedication, recognition of the Outstanding Older American Award and Bronze Awards to the Girl Scouts will all be part of the opening ceremony this year. The Older American award was announced at the Township Committee Meeting on Sept. 14th since the recipient was unable to attend GTD.
- J. DeYoung went to Sussex Rental to confirm the reservation of the tent, table and chairs.
- Chef's is set. P. DeClesis will confirm a time with Kidz Play and the DJ is all confirmed
- The Football players and cheerleaders are confirmed to run the games and prizes. The game have been brought down to the pavilion.
- The sixth grade will be doing the drinks for their fundraiser for their camping trip.
- C. Licata discussed the vendor table list and Information tent list. It was suggested to get the bigger tent for the information tent since it was a little crowded last year. There are currently 7 vendors and 8 tables for the information tent.
- Watty mentioned that he will need help with clean up.
- J. DeYoung mentioned that the Girls Scouts were in contact with him and they will be attending GTD to help out. They would like to more involve with the community this year.
- Miss Green will be attending GTD.

3. Fall Yard Sale (October 3rd)

- Currently 3 residents have signed up.
- Ad was faxed to Service Electric cable and later this week to the NJ Herald.

4. Halloween Parade (October 25th) 2:00pm-4:00pm

- The event will run the same as last year.
- C. McLean suggested ordering the peel n' stick faces for the pumpkins
- Coffee and Hot apple cider will be served.
- B. Jones will forward the flyer to C. Licata for website and Green Grapevine.
- The committee discussed having a contest for the best trunk. C. McLean mentioned giving each child a Hershey Kiss and they place the kiss in the jar at the car they liked best. It was also suggested to award the winner with a gift certificate to a local business.
- C. McLean suggested to have caution tape to close the parking lot while the kids are walking around the lot.

5. Tree Lighting & Gingerbread Contest

- B. Jones will take the lead on this event. The committee discussed the decorations and having a Mrs. Clause along with Santa Clause

- J. DeYoung looked into renting the sides of the tent to put around the pavilion. Sussex rental said they could work something out.
- J. DeYoung will confirm the date with P. Phillips since the current date is a Saturday and the event is usually on a Sunday. J. DeYoung will confirm with P. Phillips that she is willing to do the Gingerbread contest and if the houses will be a park this year.

g. Matters from the Recreation Committee

- B. Grasso mentioned that some parents were disappointed that the Movie in the Park was cancelled this year.
- C. McLean asked if there would consideration for winter Yoga classes or a Mommy and Me class. J. DeYoung commented that if someone wants to run classes to bring it before the committee. There was also discussion on the New Use of Facility Ordinance and that the downstairs will only be loaned out to Non-Profit organizations.
- J. DeYoung mentioned that Kerry Deckert is no longer the Action Alliance contact person in Newton and he has reached out to the new contact person. J. DeYoung mentioned that now the Action Alliance will have to do a presentation at the event in which the money received from them is being used.
- J. DeYoung commented that Michael Burke has completed his Eagle Scout project. He constructed benches and picnic tables at Papa Park.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

10/20/2015
Date approved