

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2014

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on October 20, 2014 at 7:00p.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, Gladys Golder, Patty DeClesis, Brenda Grasso, and Peg Phillips. Also present Christine Licata, Secretary. Members absent: Colleen McLean, and Brad Jones.

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2014.

Minutes of September 16, 2014: A motion to accept the minutes was made by P. Phillips, second by G. Golder. Vote all Ayes, motion passed except B. Grasso who abstain.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussions

a. New Business

1. New Activities for 2015

- No new activities are being added for 2015.

2. Budget

- J. DeYoung submitted the budget for 2015. J. DeYoung commented that he added more to the Egg Hunt line item. Total budget submitted is \$14,000.00. J. DeYoung also commented that Green Twp. Day and Entertainment in the park came in under budget.
- There is still money in the trust accounts that needs to be spent. Action Alliance \$700.00 check received in August was deposited into the trust account and is to be used for Entertainment in the park. B. Grasso suggested looking into a projector to use for mainly for the Summer Rec program.

3. Membership, Chair/Co-Chair

- The committee is to email J. DeYoung if interested in Chair/Co-Chair position for 2015.

4. Updates for Policy Manual

- P. DeClesis handed out the updates to the committee for the employee policy handbook.

c. Unfinished Business

d. Activity Update.

1. Summer Rec- July 7-25th

- Lower turnout this year than in the past years.
- B. Grasso mentioned to committee what to do if the school does not allow use of the school for the summer rec program. The committee discussed that they will deal with the issue if it happens.
- B. Grasso would like to have a booth at TREPS to advertise for Summer Rec in May. A suggestion was also made to have information available at the Easter Egg Hunt.

2. Green Township Day- Sept. 20th

- B. Grasso suggested sending a thank you letter to Melissa from Cliffs for their donations. J. DeYoung expectation is to do a universal thank you letter. It was suggested to recognize the donations and volunteers in next year's Grapevine.
- There was a good turnout of people and vendors. The change of time or travel softball could have contributed to the number of attendees.
- The 7th grade fundraiser of selling drinks was successful and the parents even helped out Chef's when they were extremely busy.
- J. DeYoung's only negative comment was the travel soccer team's car wash. J. DeYoung stated that any event that is near the park would need to be considered as part of Green Twp. Day and would prefer to avoid having other activities going on in the vicinity of Green Twp. Day in the future. It was also commented that some children were rude when asking residents to go to the car wash. G. Golder will bring feedback to the soccer team coaches.

3. Halloween Parade/Trunk or Treat- Oct. 26th

- The flyer has not gone out through the school and a flyer has not been sent to the Recreation Secretary for the website as of the date of this meeting.
- The Committee is concerned that the word is not there to the residents and that there will not be enough cars decorated to hand out candy. B. Grasso suggested to have candy available in case there is not enough cars participating. J. DeYoung will have an update by Thursday and will plan from there.
- J. DeYoung will be picking up the pumpkins (75) from Tranquility Farms.
- J. DeYoung will follow up with B. Jones and C. McLean on the status of the cars participating in the Trunk or Treat.

4. Tree Lighting

- B. Grasso would like to do the ornament. B. Grasso will make up a flyer to go home through the school for the 2nd week of November asking families to make a weather proof family ornament to place on the tree at the Annual Tree Lighting.
- Since it's unclear if the Girl Scouts will be participating, P. Phillips suggested and volunteered to make up the song books and hand them out at the tree lighting for all to sing.

- P. DeClesis will email K. Lang to confirm Santa and will inform them to arrive at 4:35pm. P. DeClesis will also let K. Lang know that the Recreation Committee will pick up the candy canes.
- B. Grasso will order the gift from Santa and P. DeClesis will pick up the candy canes.

5. Gingerbread Contest.

- P. Phillips will have a flyer go home from the school for the week of November 3rd. P. Phillips has all preparations under control. There will an honorable mention ribbon and a slight adjustment to the categories. A note will be added to the flyer that if the contestants wish, they can bring their houses to the tree lighting after the judging is complete for display.

g. Matters from the Recreation Committee

- J. DeYoung reminded the Committee that the December meeting will still be held at 7pm on December 12th even though there will be no Holiday Home Decorating Contest.
- C. Licata brought to the attention of the Committee that a resident called inquiring if the Jewish holiday was taken into consideration when the date was set for the yard sale. This holiday was not considered as the committee was unaware that the Jewish holiday fell on that weekend. It is noted that the committee will try to accommodate the holiday when planning next year's yard sale.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

Date approved