

## RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2026

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on February 10, 2026 at 7:00pm

### REORGANIZATION:

**Oaths of Office for each member** – each member read their Oath of Office aloud

**Nomination of Chairman** –Patty nominated Colleen for Chairman and Cyndy seconded that nomination. Colleen accepted the nomination and the committee voted. All Ayes.

**Nomination of Vice Chairman** – Patty nominated Cyndy for Vice Chairman and Colleen seconded. Cyndy accepted the nomination and the committee voted. All ayes.

**Meeting dates for 2024** – The meeting dates were reviewed. The November date of the 17<sup>th</sup> was moved to November 10<sup>th</sup> due to the League of Municipalities Conference. The December 15<sup>th</sup> date was moved to December 8<sup>th</sup> due to the 16<sup>th</sup> being close to Christmas. The meeting dates were approved. Kim will be away for the July and August meetings, but they were kept on the schedule and will be canceled or changed if needed.

**Designation of official newspaper** – The official newspaper is the NJ Herald where notices are published. Notices are also transmitted to the Star Ledger.

**Members Present:** Patty DeClesis, Cyndy Devesly and Colleen McLean.

**MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2025. A motion to accept minutes was made by Patty and seconded by Cyndy.

### ACTIVITY UPDATE:

**Gingerbread in a Bag** – 85 bags were given out this year. The students did a great job of outing them together and Five Below in Newton was very responsive and organized with the gingerbread houses.

**Tree Lighting** – This event went well, although there was a smaller crowd. The students were organized. The committee will purchase Hot beverage containers for next year to make it easier to dispense the hot chocolate. Roughly, three containers of hot chocolate mix and 7 gallons of water were used. Kim will donate her fake tree instead of purchasing a new one.

**Home Decorating Contest** – Online poll got a decent number of responses so we will try it again this way next year, but try to incorporate videos of the properties. It was difficult for some families to get all their decorations in one photo.

**Letters to Santa** – The Letters to Santa event was difficult this year and will return to the way it was done in previous years.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Egg Hunt** – The Egg Hunt will not happen this year and instead, a Drive in Movie will be presented in its place as the Easter event. The movie will be HOP. Colleen will reach out to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to see if they would like to do a pizza fundraiser and will give out chocolate bunnies as a giveaway.

**Green Township Day** – After a discussion on trying to determine a date for Green Township Day the Committee settled on Saturday June 20, 2026. Miss Green will be held on the same date during the event. Kim will reach out to the vendors after the date is approved by the Township Committee. Patty will reach out to Snake Oil Willie and Czig Meister to see if they are available.

**Movies in the Park** – The Committee discussed dates and movies and decided on the following:

May 30th – A Minecraft Movie

October 17th – Silence of the Lambs – Adults only

**Yard Sale** – Yard Sale is moving forward as scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bus Trip** - The date for the bus trip will be determined.

**Purchase of items for Recreation/Seniors** – Kim presented a list of items that included a photo backdrop, a stand for the photo backdrop, a Santa letter box and a pamphlet holder for the senior group that uses the downstairs meeting room in the Municipal Building. Kim will order the items chosen by the Committee.

**MATTERS FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Colleen had suggested holding 2-3 “Crafts in the Park” days to try to use up all of the leftover craft supplies in the pavilion. The dates will be determined later and she will reach out to the Girl Scouts to see if they would like to volunteer to help.

Colleen suggested sending an email to the School, PTA and the Lake Club with our dates in the hope that they will stay away from those dates when planning their events. Kim will send it once all the dates have been finalized.

Patty explained that the Open Space Committee was working on the Recreation Element of the Master Plan and spoke about the pickle ball courts, the walking path and the drainage at the Park. She also stated this would most likely be her last year on the Committee after many, many years.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Kim Mantz***

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Recreation Secretary

Date approved: 3.17.26