

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Special Meeting
March 14, 2018

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a special meeting on March 14, 2018 at 7:08pm at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Rd. Tranquility NJ 07879.

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

Members present: Collen McLean (arrived late), Gladys Golder, Brenda Grasso, Yvonne Hernandez and Patty DeClesis.
Also present: Kim Mantz, Rec Secretary.
Members absent: Brad Jones

Yvonne Hernandez read her Oath of Office and is now an official member of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

BUSINESS:

Cookbook – Patty started the discussion by explaining any and all new programs have to go through the Township Committee for approval and since the cookbook did not get approval. Colleen will have to present the cookbook at the next Township Committee meeting to explain what it is about and where the money will be going. The profits were to benefit the bicentennial celebration in 2024. Kim gave all the details and it was decided that the initial printing would be 200 instead of 300. A link to the eBook was also discussed for a reduced fee.

A motion was made to move forward with the cookbook at this time.

Motion: Gladys Second: Patty. All Ayes. No discussion.

Summer Rec vs. Summer Series Activity Program –

•Brenda started with explaining what the summer rec program is, how long she has directed it, and why she thinks it should stay. She is very concerned about dropping the program and said it would upset all the kids who attend every year. She described some of the programs she has done in the past to our new member, Yvonne, and explained why the program should stay.

The following are the reasons why the program should be evaluated:

- Attendance has declined steadily since 2009 and has past the point of breaking even.
- Insurance and liability issues
- State regulations
- There are no written policies in place, for example: lost child, hazardous weather, sick/injured child.
- Program not helpful to working mothers due to the time frame.

The new program:

- This program would run for two hours one day a week. That two hours would contain two 1 hour programs based on STEM, Arts and Crafts and Sports.
- Held from 10am-12pm so that moms could bring lunch and eat after the programs and then get home in time for a nap.
- Would not be a drop off program. Parents will be required to stay on site.
- Director would be responsible for 3 hours per day and developing all programs for children. Background check required.
- There would be a calendar that goes out ahead of time so parents could plan throughout the summer. Not sure about pre-registration.
- Girl Scouts would be available to help the director and would sign up for days throughout the summer to work toward their gold award.
- Wayne Dietz will need to evaluate the new program for insurance purposes.

•Job posting will go in the paper and candidate must be approved by the Township Committee.

A motion was made to discontinue the Summer Rec Program.

Motion: Patty. Second: Gladys.

Gladys – aye

Brenda- nay

Colleen – aye

Yvonne -aye

Patty – aye

With a vote of 4 -1 the Summer Rec Program will be discontinued for this year and the new program will be put in its place.

No discussion.

A few more housekeeping items were discussed:

1. BBQ on June 23rd will be from 4:30. Miss Green will start at 6:30pm.
2. Family Fun Nights will be Thursday, July 19th with a rain date of July 26th and Thursday, August 16th with a rain date of August 23rd.
3. Do we need special event insurance for Green Township Day.
4. Goodie bags will be stuffed for the Egg Hunt on 3/20. If the fields are too wet for the Egg Hunt we will look into the Fire House for cookie decorating.

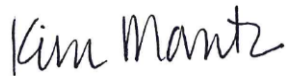
MATTERS FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Mantz



Recreation Secretary

Date approved: 4.24.18