

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2015

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on February 19, 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, Peg Phillips, Gladys Golder, Patty DeClesis, Brad Jones, Brenda Grasso, and Colleen McLean. Also present was Christine Licata, Secretary.

**MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2015.

Minutes of January 20, 2015: A motion to accept the minutes was made by P. DeClesis, second by G. Golder. Vote all ayes, motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussions**

**a. New Business**

- DeYoung mention he received an email from Kerry Deckert stating that the Action Alliance has \$700.00 to give the committee for movie in the park. J. DeYoung will reach out to Kerry to make sure there isn't a bookkeeping error as the town received \$700.00 in the fall. Jim will also find out if the money can be used for another family event since there will be no movie in the park this year.

**b. Unfinished Business**

**1. Brenda Grasso and Brad Jones-Oath of Office**

- Brenda Grasso and Brad Jones were administered the Oath of Office.

**c. Activity Update**

**1. Easter Egg Hunt (March 29<sup>th</sup>-2:00pm)**

- P. Phillips mentioned that all eggs will be toy filled. Depending on the weather the week before the event, the committee will purchase candy and have the Easter Bunny hand it out to the children.
- P. Phillips will order supplies from Oriental Trading within the next two days.
- There is still a need to someone to wear the bunny costume.
- P. Phillips mention there is left over supplies from last year that she will use for this years' egg hunt.
- P. Phillips looked into purchasing pre-stuff eggs, but the costs were to high.
- C. Licata will email the flyer to the school by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Spring Yard Sale (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- Flyers have been made up and event is posted on the website.

### **3. Bus Trip to Sands Casino**

- The event has been pushed back to the fall. P Phillips is going to look into booking for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Miss Green (June 12<sup>th</sup>)**

- J. DeYoung reached out to Kate Mull and she has offered to run the Miss Green contest for 2015. J. DeYoung mentioned to Kate, if she can put a time limit to on the speech to no more than 2 minutes. J. DeYoung also suggested to better organize the timing to call people to the pavilion for the start of the Miss Green contest. Last year there was a long wait before it actually started.

### **5. Summer Kick Off BBQ (June 12<sup>th</sup>)**

- Chef's has agreed to prepare the food for the BBQ. B. Grasso asked if there could be more options for vegetarians.
- J. DeYoung reached out to Sussex Rental to inform them of the date. Jim will go back and firm up the reservation and look into renting a bigger tent.
- Kip and Mr. Microphone has agreed to come back and provide music entertainment.

### **6. Summer Rec. – July 6-24th**

- B. Grasso accepted to once again be the Director of the Summer Rec. program.
- B. Grasso mentioned that she was informed by the School Secretary that the school is not going to allow Brenda to use the equipment at the school. Brenda will get a firm answer for the next meeting. P. Phillips comment that she would look into the issue as well.
- B. Grasso has the use form to fill out to obtain the school for the summer.
- Some suggestions Brenda has for activities at the park are asking the Equine Therapy horses from the Tranquility Equine center on Airport Rd. Another suggestion was a Bounce house with water. Brenda will look into the costs of renting one and how much water is needed since the park runs on a well.

### **7. Green Township Day- Sept. 19th**

- J. DeYoung commented that what has been done in the past is working well but if anyone had any new suggestions to bring them to the next couple of meetings. P. Phillips suggested an egg toss.
- J. DeYoung mentioned if the RC plane should be invited back. This will be clarified as the event gets closer.
- B. Jones mentioned if the First Aid Squad could stay for the watermelon eating contest.
- C. Licata will reach out to Janice Ferguson to see if she will head the vendor tables again.
- J. DeYoung reached out to Chef's to see if they would cater the food.
- Last year the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade sold drinks as a fundraiser for their class. P. Phillips will reach out to the class advisor to see if they are interested in doing it again this year.
- Bounce House and Obstacle course will be the same as last year.
- The committee discussed if they should have the photo booth again. It was agreed to skip that this year and do something else in its place.

- C. McLean mention to that there should be an activity for the middle school age children to keep their interest.

**8. Baseball Game**

- J. DeYoung reached out to the Sussex Minor League. If the committee purchases 75-100 tickets costs will be \$8.00 per ticket, includes picking seats, having a visit from the mascot, and can choose someone to sing the National Anthem. The committee will set a date once the schedule have been confirmed. The committee is looking into a Saturday in July when the stadium has fireworks.

**9. Fall Yard Sale, Halloween Parade,**

- Discussions tabled to future meeting.

**10. Tree Lighting & Gingerbread Contest**

- B. Grasso commented on the last month's meeting regarding the heaters and asked if there could be a bon fire. J. DeYoung explained that there will be discussion on bringing in a small fire ring per Township Committee approval. J. DeYoung looked into the cost of renting heaters. The cost will be \$55.00 and it includes the propane.

**g. Matters from the Recreation Committee**

The next regular meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata  
Secretary

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Date approved