

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2014

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on September 16, 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, Colleen McLean, and Peg Phillips. Also present Christine Licata, Secretary and Janice Ferguson. Members absent: Brenda Grasso, and Brad Jones.

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2014.

Minutes of July 15, 2014: A motion to accept the minutes was made by P. Phillips, second by G. Golder. Vote all Ayes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussions

a. New Business

1. Meeting date change for October meeting

- C. Licata, Secretary is unable to attend the October meeting. The committee discussed changing the date of the meeting. With the committee's schedule with other commitments, it was decided to keep the original date of the meeting, October 21st and P. DeClesis will take the minutes.

2. New Activities 2015

- J. DeYoung asked the committee if they have any new activity ideas for 2015 to bring them to the October meeting as it will be budget time.

c. Unfinished Business

1. Action Alliance-Family Night

- Received a check from Action Alliance for \$700.00 for family fun night. The monies will have to be used by June 2015. If money is not spent in 2014 it will either be encumbered or transferred to the trust so it can be spent in 2015.

d. Activity Update.

1. Movie in the Park- July 25th

- Movie in the park (The Apple Dumpling Gang) was held on July 25th.

- The event had @ 60 attendants. Although seems like a low turnout, J. DeYoung mentioned it's the highest turnout than other towns, therefore, he considers it successful. However, it's a lot of money for the number of attendants.
- P. Phillips suggested tabling the movie next year and to put the money toward another activity or toward the summer bbq. J. DeYoung mentioned that the cost to rent the screen has been the same for the past three years so it's only a matter of time for a price increase.

2. Summer Rec. – July 7-25th

- Lower enrollment this year, otherwise it seems to have gone well. B. Grasso was not present to comment further.

3. Green Township Day- Sept. 20th

- J. Ferguson was present to give an update on the vendor table. Have about 15 tables. There is a variety of crafts. J. DeYoung commented that they logistically move the inflatables so there will be more traffic through the vendor area.
- Both P. Phillips and J. DeYoung discussed that the 7th graders will be selling drinks as a fundraiser for their class. J. DeYoung spoke with Chef's and they were fine with turning the drinks over to the 7th grade. If successful, P. Phillips commented that perhaps it could become a permanent fundraiser at GTD. J. DeYoung's only concern was that this could have triggered other organizations to call and ask to do fundraisers to close to the event date. Therefore, in future he would like to stick to the June deadline.
- Girl scouts are not available to run the games this year. Therefore, J. DeYoung reached out to Any Excuse for a Party and confirmed that they have carnival games and if they send an attendant. C. McLean mentioned that she could gather up some boys from the football team. C. McLean will be get back to J. DeYoung on the 17th to confirm. P. Phillips mentioned that the games will be scaled back this year.
- J. DeYoung has confirmed with Sussex Rental. They will be delivering the tents and tables on Friday. Cliff's, Chef's Top O NJ, rescue squad, DJ, and Fire Dept. are confirmed.
- P. Phillips has the hula hoops for the contest which will be held @ 2:30pm. 4:00pm will be the watermelon eating contest. J. DeYoung will pick up the watermelons.
- P. DeClesis mentioned that the photo booth needs to be under a tent and have electric near. P. DeClesis and J. DeYoung will bring tents in case they need one. P. DeClesis will get in touch with Kidz Play to make sure they bring extension cords. If this is successful then it can become an annual item at GTD.
- Timing for set up. Everything should be in place between 12:00-12:30. Committee will arrive @ 11:00 for set up.
- P. Phillips will see what inventory is at the old firehouse. P. DeClesis has the prizes and will bring them Friday to the park. J. DeYoung went with pink and green cotton candy this year.

4. Halloween Parade/Trunk or Treat

- B. Grasso is heading the event.
- C. McLean has been working with B. Jones in organizing a trunk or treat. There will be a car attendant to direct cars where to go depending on if they are involved in the trunk or

treat. The committee discussed dividing the front parking lot in half and reserving the half closest to the basketball court for the trunk or treat area. The kids will parade around the cars and collect candy. C. McLean also mentioned having a car decorating contest. The event will be from 2-4. C. McLean mentioned to keep the crafts as they have been done in the past. C. McLean will make up a flyer and forward to C. Licata for website. C. McLean will be in touch with B. Grasso to discuss further.

5. Halloween Home Decoration Contest

- The Committee decided not to hold the Halloween Home decorating contest as there was only two houses entered last year. A resident that participated was upset and attended a Township Committee meeting. The Committee advised him to attend a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. The resident showed up and waited outside for neighbors. They never came into the meeting.

6. Tree Lighting

- Girl Scouts are officially called Newton servicing therefore it's not certain that the girls will be attending. The Committee agreed to still have the tree lighting. B. Grasso mentioned to have families decorate ornaments to hang on the tree. J. DeYoung will reach out to Brenda to get the idea rolling and for her to be the point person for the activity. C. McLean mentioned she will talk to Brenda as her troop is working on a bronze award and this project would be good for them to do. C. McLean will reach out to Brenda and give J. DeYoung an update.

7. Gingerbread Contest.

- P. Phillips will be the point person for the contest. She will adjust the rules and categories and will have an honorable mention ribbon. P. Phillips will bring the flyer in at the next meeting. J. DeYoung mentioned that residents would like to see the houses at the tree lighting. P. Phillips said she would add to the flyer that they may bring their houses to the park at their own risk once judging has been completed.

8. Home Decorating Contest/Ho Ho Hot Line

- The committee has decided not to hold these events this year. The Home Decorating contest has the same residents sign up each year and the Ho Ho Hotline has been getting hard to get volunteers to fill the time slots. If there is a lot of feedback from the residents that they miss these events, the committee will discuss adding them back at that time.

g. Matters from the Recreation Committee

The next regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

Date approved

