

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2012

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on October 15, 2012 at 7:10 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Rd. Tranquility NJ 07879.

ROLL CALL: Peg Phillips, Patty DeClesis, Brad Jones, Jim DeYoung, Chris Bilik, Brenda Grasso and Gladys Golder

Members present: Peg Phillips, Jim DeYoung, Gladys Golder, Patty DeClesis, and Brad Jones. Also present was Christine Licata, Secretary. Brenda Grasso and Chris Bilik were excused on motion made by Patty DeClesis, second by Brad Jones, approved by all, motion passed.

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2012.

Minutes of September 18, 2012: A motion to accept the minutes with changes was made by Patty DeClesis, second by Gladys Golder. Vote: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussions

a. Green Township Day

- September 22nd from 11:00- 3:30pm
- Although the turnout looked low, the ice cream donation brought in \$298.00 this year vs. \$319.00 in 2010.
- The events which were set up in the back of the parking lot didn't not get a lot of traffic. Next year, it will be best to have everything set up on the field.
- The National Guard trailer with the games was a hit.
- Bounce house- Next year, the committee will look into bringing back the obstacle course as the Balloon Typhoon was geared toward children under 5.
- Dave Miller (DJ) did a great job.
- Parade-very low turnout. The committee will address whether or not to have it again next year.
- Opening Ceremony- timing with the music needs to be worked on. The committee discussed having note cards for the Mayor in regards to announcements.
- There were not many tables set up in the information tent; however, The Environmental table was busy. Therapeutics Unlimited gave out free massages. There was discussion of moving Therapeutics to the vendor section, but during a brief conversation Peg had with Therapeutics, they want to be very much involved with the community. Therefore, Peg is ok with keeping them under the information tent.
- Everything went well with the Girl Scouts. The committee will need to go through what is left in regards to the prizes.
- Basketball Throw- The event did not have a big interest. The committee will address if they want to keep the event for next year.

- Watermelon Contest- Went very well. Everyone seemed to have fun. Gladys did a great job making the goodie bags.
- Top O' NJ- Was very happy with the event. Location and crowds worked out well. If there was a small group, they gave the kids a chance to fly.
- Fire Dept- The committee has not reached out to them for feedback on how the event went.
- Chef's did a very good job with the food. People were very appreciative of the prices. Chef's was pleased with how the day went. Chef's is willing to cook the food for next year.
- Hula Hoop Contest- Went very well. Good turnout of the kids and adults.
- Balloon/Stilt Walker- The committee agreed that Mark did not like them shadowing him. Not a very friendly. The committee will look into someone else for next year which does a similar program. The one suggestion is that the person does not dress as a clown since some children are afraid of them.
- The Older American Award presented during the opening ceremonies went well. It was suggested to keep the Older American award at this time slot since everyone is gathered together as long as the family members can be present at that time.
- Parking-went well. Everyone seemed to follow the signs that were placed. Since there was some money left in this year's budget, the committee thought it would be good to purchase some wired frames for the signs for next year. The committee would also like to purchase rubber mats for the wires and wireless microphone for the DJ. Peg will discuss with Linda Padula in regards to encumbering the money from this year's budget.

f. Yoga

- Goes until November 1st. There are 5 people signed up for this session.
- Christine will check with Marybeth to see if she wants to hold another session after the first of the year.

g. Yard Sale

- Was held on October 6th. 21 houses signed up.

h. Halloween Parade

- Brenda just needs to buy candy. Peg will follow up with Brenda to make sure she has everything.
- The committee should be there no later than 2:30pm
- Chris was to request the pumpkins from Tranquility Farms. Peg will follow up with Chris on the status

g. Tree Lighting

- Peg will touch base with Rose in regards to the Girl Scout role
- Brad will get the candy canes and Patty will pick up souvenirs
- Hot Chocolate will be served

h. Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

- Peg will revise the entry form from last year. The time will be cut back for the drop off.

- The houses will be dropped off Saturday, December 1st.
- Open House will be on Sunday, Dec 2 from 11-2
- Peg will pick up ribbons for the winners.

i. Ho Ho Hotline

- Calling dates will be Dec. 12th and 13th.
- Volunteers are needed. Jim DeYoung will be a backup.
- Christine will prepare the forms for the school to hand out during conferences.

j. Home Decorating Contest:

- Houses will be judged on December 11th. This will be the December Recreation meeting.

k. Budget 2013

- The request for money is about the same as last year
- Cut the Green Grapevine budget in half since there only two publications go out instead of four.
- The description for Movie in the Park was changed to “Entertainment in the Park.”
- Left the budget in the talent show line in case the State Fair decides to put the program back in next year.

l. 2013 Activates

- Peg handed out a draft of the event dates. The committee will discuss more details at the next meeting. The committee should bring any ideas for activities they may have for next year.

g. Other

- Peg talked to the school in regards to going back to paper flyers going home with the students. The school is on board. Peg prepared a half sheet flyer with the remaining activities for 2012 along with the class list to distribute. This is something that we can do two or three times a year. Christine will make the copies and sort them by class. Peg or Patty will bring them up to the school.
- Pavilion- Brad will like to sell snacks and drinks during the soccer games. The committee will have to fill out a use form and give \$100.00 deposit in order to use the pavilion.
- Pavilion clean out- The committee will review the inventory after the tree lighting. The games can be left in the pavilion for the winter.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

Date approved