

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2013

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on October 8, 2013 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 Diana Fox

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

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2013.

Minutes of October 8, 2013: 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. January meeting date/time

- Due to the Township Committee meeting change in January, the Recreation Committee meeting has been moved to January 14th at 7:00pm from January 21st at 7:00pm.

2. Chair/Vice Chair

- Since no one has expressed an interest in being Chair for next year, J. DeYoung commented that he will be continuing on the committee and is willing to fill the chair position if no one else wants the position.
- G. Golder will let the committee know at if she would be interested in the Co-Chair position for next year.

3. Girl Scouts

- B. Grasso explained that the Girl Scouts are now under a new service unit which includes Green, Andover and Newton Townships. This has changed the outlook of the Girl Scout program. The Girl Scouts are not 100% committed to attending the tree lighting. P. Phillips spoke with Rose Matonis in regards to the Girl Scout participation. Rose will distributed the song books to the leaders, but informed P. Phillips that participation may be low.
- J. DeYoung will give a follow up call to Rose and explain that the committee would like to keep the tradition of having the Girl Scouts participation at the recreation events. J.

DeYoung also commented that as a result of the new Girl Scout structure, the committee should be prepared 6 months out on the activities.

- P. Phillips commented the committee should be prepared early in the year for GTD. If there is less involvement from the Girl Scouts, it may result in cut backs on the games. P. Phillips also comments that the committee should be prepared to take the bulk of the responsibilities for the egg hunt.

4. Miss Green

- P. Phillips commented that the committee should start preparing to find someone to take over Miss Green for when Kate Mull decides to step down.

5. Website

- J. DeYoung mentioned that he received comments from the residents that when they look at the current website they cannot find a list of activities that is offered from the town. C. Licata explained that when the activity in the timeframe, the publication is turned off on the site. C. Licata explained and shared the home page of the new website where all the activities are listed by season and residents will be able to click on the title of the activity for more information.

6. Facebook

- J. DeYoung mentioned that he would like B. Jones to list the activities on Facebook as an additional place for residents to see what activities are happening. P. Phillips mentioned that there have been posting on the page not related to recreations and commented that the page should only be posting of the recreational activities.

7. 517 Sign

- J. DeYoung would like to see the events on the sign to change more often. It was suggested to buy some signs that could have full words (i.e. Tree Lighting) would be helpful. C. Licata would ask L. Caruso if this would work out better than individual letters.

8. Action Alliance

- J. DeYoung received an email from Action Alliance that money is available for 2014 activities. J. DeYoung put in a request for \$700.00. The event has to happen by the end of June and has to be family orientated.

b. Halloween Parade

- J. DeYoung would like to have a summary page put together and keep in a folder of the day's event (i.e. weather, attendance etc..) to review year to year when planning the events
- About 50 kids attended the parade. Walked the entire loop of the path and received a goodie bag as they approached the pavilion. Overall the day and turnout was good.

c. Halloween Home Decorating Contest

- Only two houses were signed up. The event was advertised late in the season. Will try again for next year.

d. Tree Lighting

- C. Licata mentioned to the committee that W. Perigo would like to buy some new lights as some strands are not working well. The committee agreed that W. Perigo could buy whatever he needs in lighting.
- J. DeYoung contacted the Firehouse and confirmed the time of Santa arrival.
- P. DeClesis ordered the giveaway.
- J. DeYoung will not be able to attend.
- Committee will provide hot cocoa and coffee. Girl Scouts will provide cookies.

e. Gingerbread House Contest

- P. Phillips picked up the ribbons for the winning houses.
- Judges have not been set up yet.
- Houses will be brought to Town Hall Saturday afternoon. P. Phillips may need to push the time back and will coordinate with the residents who are submitting houses.

f. Ho Ho Hot Line

- Flyers were sent to the school and to Green Apple Academy.
- Patty reached out to 2 possible Santa's and is waiting on a response.
- P. DeClesis will not be able to open the building and asked if someone else could be available.
- There was suggestion for next year to have a Mrs. Clause as well as Santa.
- P. DeClesis asked the committee if they had any suggestions for Santa to let her know as her list is shrinking.

g. Holiday Home Decorating Contest

- The committee will be at 7:00pm to judge the houses on December 13th.

i. Unfinished Business

g. Matters from the Recreation Committee

- For next year's Tree Lighting, B. Grasso suggested family made ornaments to hang on the tree. The committee thought this was a great idea and an announcement will be made at this year's tree lighting. Next year it will be advertised along with the tree lighting to have families make ornaments for the tree.
- B. Grasso asked how to get more benches at the park. J. DeYoung suggested to B. Grasso to have the residents who want them to attend a Township Committee meeting. B. Grasso also mentioned the parking on the basketball court. P. Phillips explained that they had special permission from the town.
- C. Bilik mentioned that he will not be attending the last meeting and let the committee know if was a pleasure working with them.

- J. DeYoung mentioned he will ask L. Peralta if a letter can go out from the Recreation Committee in the Grapevine asking residents for ideas, suggestions and volunteers. J. DeYoung will also like to reach out the other organizations in town to get more involved.
- B. Grasso mentioned it would be nice to have an ice rink at the park. P. Phillips will bring the idea to Township Committee meeting. P. Phillips suggested that this would need an ice rink committee to run the rink.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

Date approved