

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Reorganization and Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2014

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a reorganization and regular meeting on January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Rd. Tranquility NJ 07879.

**ROLL CALL:** Peg Phillips, Patty DeClesis, Brad Jones, Jim DeYoung, Brenda Grasso, Gladys Golder, and Diana Fox.

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

**REORGANIZATION:**

Oaths of Office – Christine Licata, Secretary administered the Oaths of Office.

Nomination of Chairman:

Motion to open nominations for Chair: P. DeClesis nominated J. DeYoung, second by B. Jones. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Vote for Chair J. DeYoung, all in favor, motion passed.

Nomination of Vice Chairman:

Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair: P. DeClesis nominated G. Golder second by P. Phillips. No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote for Vice-Chair G. Golder, all in favor, motion passed

Meeting dates for 2014 – Motion to approve the meeting dates. Discussions were held on changing the dates of the February and December Meeting. All approved the change of dates. Meeting dates for 2014 as follows:

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2014 MEETING DATES

Tuesday, January 14  
Tuesday, March 18  
Tuesday, May 20  
Tuesday, July 15  
Tuesday, September 16  
Tuesday, November 18  
January 20, 2015

**Wednesday**, February 19  
Tuesday, April 15  
Tuesday, June 17  
Tuesday, August 19  
Tuesday, October 21  
**Friday**, December 12

**MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2013 and December 13, 2013.

Minutes of November 19, 2013: A motion to accept the minutes was made by P. DeClesis second by G. Golder. Vote: All ayes.

Minutes of December 13, 2013: A motion to accept the minutes with changes was made by P. DeClesis, second by G. Golder. Vote: All ayes with exception of P. Phillips who abstain.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

**1. Discussions**

**a. 2014 Calendar**

- J. DeYoung stated that the committee will run the same activities as last and year if anyone has any new ideas to bring them up in the upcoming meeting.
  - 1. Easter Egg Hunt** is set for Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. The time will be determined at a later date. The event is rain or shine. P. Phillips mentioned that the Girl Scout troop that would run the event this year only has 6 girls. J. DeYoung will reach out to Rose Matonis.
  - 2. Spring Yard Sale** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, raindate May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. Entertainment in the Park-** J. DeYoung spoke with the Action Alliance and Green Twp will receive \$700.00. Event can be a family night. J. DeYoung would like the committee to bring ideas to the next meeting for a summer kickoff in the park. Tentative date has been set for June 14<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>, with a raindate of July 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4. Summer Rec-** July 7-25<sup>th</sup>. B. Grasso expressed an interest in still being the director of the program. B. Grasso also commented to J. DeYoung that she would like to raise the registration fee \$5.00.
  - 5. Green Twp Day-** Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, no raindate.
  - 6. Fall Yard Sale-** Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, raindate Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - 7. Halloween Parade-** Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. No raindate. The committee decided not to have the Halloween home decorating contest this year.
  - 8. Ho Ho Hotline-** Due to the conflict with the school concert the last two years, the Ho Ho Hotline will be held the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 9. Tree Lighting & Gingerbread Contest-** Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, (tentative date) no raindate. The date will be decided before the fall Green Grapevine.
  - 10. Home Decorating Contest-** Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - 11. Miss Green-** P. DeClesis will find out when the Newton and Sussex Tech prom dates are before deciding on a date.
- J. DeYoung reminded the committee that there a funds still available in the trust account if anyone has any ideas/uses for the funds. P. Phillips mentioned a BBQ, J. DeYoung will ask chef's for some costs.

**b. Gingerbread House Contest- recap**

- There were 11 team entries and 4 single builders under age 14.
- The Secretary received an email comment asking if there could be a broader range for single builders. P. Phillips suggested adding an honorable mention category. P. Phillips

recommended having the event again in 2014. P. DeClesis, G. Golder, and P. Phillips were at the event on Sunday.

**c. Tree Lighting**

- Light attendance (@ 50-60). Less than half of the attendance was not related to girl scouts. Started snowing shortly before the event started. The firemen were delayed due a call. It was mentioned to have a megaphone for next year. The new lights looked good.
- There was 5 gals of hot cocoa which was plenty. 5 boxes of munchkins and 2or 3 boxes of donuts which was a little short. Girl scouts refreshment donations were low. P. Phillips suggested that the committee plan the refreshments for next year.

**c. Ho Ho Hotline**

- About 50-60 phone calls were made. Green Hills School winter concert was the same night so some calls had to be rescheduled therefore it was suggested to move the Ho Ho Hot line to the following week.

**d. Home Decorating Contest**

- J. DeYoung feels this event has run its course. He suggests that if it continues to incorporate it with something else. Same houses seem to sign up every year.

**e. Yoga**

- Christine will follow up with Marybeth Holzhauer if she is going to run a winter yoga and if so the dates.

**m. Other**

- At the November meeting there was discussion regarding an ice rink at the park. C. Licata shared a flyer that was received in the mail shortly after.
- C. Licata shared the mountain creek group rate flyer to see if anyone was interested in organizing the trip. No one on the committee was interested.
- B. Jones has a new email address to use.
- P. DeClesis mentioned to the committee that the new website is up and running and that the senior group will be celebrating 40 years in May.
- J. DeYoung mentioned that in the past the committee has been lenient on excused and unexcused absences. In the future if someone from the committee doesn't hear from a member that they are unable to attend, they will be unexcused from the meeting. If the unexcused becomes excessive (4 consecutive meetings) they will no longer be on the committee.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2013 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

02/19/14  
Date approved

