

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Reorganization and Regular Meeting
January 29, 2013

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a reorganization and regular meeting on January 29, 2013 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, Chris Bilik, Brenda Grasso and Gladys Golder

Members present: Peg Phillips, Jim DeYoung, Patty DeClesis, Chris Bilik, Brad Jones, and Brenda Grasso. Also present was Christine Licata, Secretary, Rose Matonis, Girl Scout Leader, and Suzanne Lynch, Girl Scout Troop 1070 Leader. Gladys Golder was excused on motion made by Chris Bilik, second by Brenda Grasso, approved by all, motion passed.

REORGANIZATION:

Nomination of Chairman

Motion to open nominations for Chair: Patty DeClesis nominated Jim DeYoung, second by Peg Phillips. Brad Jones nominated Chris Bilik, second by Brenda Grasso. No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote for Chair Jim DeYoung and Chris Bilik was done by paper ballot. Nomination for chair was a tie vote. Chris Bilik stepped down. Motion to accept Jim DeYoung as Chair was made by Chris Bilik, second by Patty DeClesis, all in favor, motion passed

Nomination of Vice Chairman

Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair: Brenda Grasso nominated Chris Bilik second by Patty DeClesis. No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote for Vice-Chair Chris Bilik, all in favor, motion passed

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

Meeting dates for 2013 – 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 2013 as follows:

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2013 MEETING DATES

Tuesday, January 29
Tuesday, March 19
Tuesday, May 21

Wednesday, February 27
Tuesday, April 16
Tuesday, June 18

Tuesday, July 16
Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, November 19
January 21, 2014

Tuesday, August 20
Tuesday, October 15
Friday, December 13

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2012 and December 11, 2012.

Minutes of November 13, 2012: A motion to accept the minutes with changes was made by Patty DeClesis second by Peg Phillips. Vote: All ayes.

Minutes of December 11, 2012: A motion to accept the minutes with changes was made by Patty DeClesis, second by Brenda Grasso. Vote: All ayes with exception of Peg Phillips and Chris Bilik who abstain.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussions

a. Gingerbread House Contest

- Very low turnout which was most likely the result of Hurricane Sandy. The Committee agreed to hold the event again for 2013.

b. Tree Lighting

- The event went well. Attendance seemed down from previous years.

c. Ho Ho Hotline

- About 50 phone calls were made. Green Hills School winter concert was the same night so some calls had to be rescheduled.
- Jim DeYoung, Brad Jones, Jim Chirip, Dennis Melillo, and Ryan Babiak were the callers.
- All participants seem to enjoy this event.
- Brad would like to add a few more questions to the form. (i.e. If something is on the list that they will not be getting so the caller is prepared to answer the question.)

d. Home Decorating Contest

- There were 7 homes entered into the contest. The winners were Tracy & Allan Brucato 16 Fieldview Rd, Lisa Moffatt, 1 Mountain View Dr and Liz Conn 7 Creek Rd.
- Most of the houses were the same as last year's entries
- Anyone can nominate a house prior to the meeting including Committee members.
- 2013 Contest will be held on Friday, December 13th.

e. Yoga

- Winter Yoga started January 3rd. There are currently 7 members.
- Christine will check with Marybeth to see if she is willing to run a spring session.
- The classes will end Feb 28th and Marybeth has 3 dates set in March as makeup dates.

f. Easter Egg Hunt:

- Rose Matonis and Suzanne Lynch from the Girl Scouts were present to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Girl Scout Troop 1070 will be hosting the Egg Hunt. The date is March 23rd with a raindate of March 24th and will be held at the Evergreen Park at 2:00pm.
- Last year attendance was @100 kids.
- There are lots of eggs left over from last year and Peg had brought 8 or 9 boxes of 96 ct eggs that were on sale at Wal-Mart and donated them to the Egg Hunt.
- The budget is set at \$350.00 for 2013.
- Rose will put together a craft/goodie order from Oriental Trading and turn it into Town Hall.
- Suzanne asked if the kitchen would be available to make hot chocolate. The Committee told Suzanne to come into Town Hall and fill out the usage form so that the kitchen can be opened.
- Suzanne asked who decides if the event is cancelled due to weather. Peg informed Suzanne that it is a decision made by the Recreation Committee.

g. Spring Yard Sale

- The Spring Yard Sale date has been set to May 18th with a rain date of May 19th.
- Christine will take care of advertising and making up the form.

h. Entertainment in the Park

- Christine shared an email with the Committee from Kerry Deckert stating that the Action Alliance can get funding for Green Township of \$150.00 for supply money and \$700.00 for rental for Movie in the Park. Also, available is Positive Alternative Group Funding which is money to assist low income/hardship cases with the cost of extracurricular activities and The Guard Start Camp which is held in June, July and August at the Newton town pool. Fee is waived for residents from the Action Alliance communities. Christine will send an email to the Sporting Club Heads regarding the Positive Alternative Funding.
- The Committee discussed the options for Entertainment in the Park. One suggestion was to use Alliance money for a movie in the winter and to hold the event at the school and have movie geared toward kids.
- July 13th Date has been set for a Picnic Dinner/Movie night for 7:00pm.
- Jim will reach out to Newton Rec to see who they used for the rental equip to see if there is a better rate.
- Chris mentioned a slide show of having paid advertising prior to the start of the movie to help offset the cost. Chris will look into selling the advertising. Peg suggested getting the advertisements well enough in advance.
- Jim asked the Committee to come up with movie suggestions for the next meeting.

i. Miss Green

- Last year there was only 1 candidate.
- A tentative date is June 1st at 2:00pm.

j. Green Twp Day

- Signs- Peg brought in one of the lawn signs that were purchased to advertise the event.
- Inflatables- The committee reviewed the sheet of inflatables which are available by Any Excuse for A Party. The committee needs to decide on a second inflatable as the one last year was only for children under the age of 5. The cost last year was @ \$1,000.00 which includes attendants. Peg suggested that the Committee decide on the inflatables early so they can get reserved.
- Budget for GTD is \$3500.00
- It was decided not to have the Stilt walker back this year. The Committee decided to try something new.
- The National Guard video game center was well liked.
- For the next meeting, the Committee will decide what activities and inflatables they would like at GTD.
- Food- Jim will reach out to Chef's to see if they are interested in catering again. The Committee always gets positive feedback from the community regarding Chef's. Everyone seemed to enjoy having pizza.
- Christine will reach out to Janis to see if she is interested in coordinating the vendor table for GTD for 2013.
- The set up for Green Twp Day will basically be the same as last year.

k. Summer Rec

- Brenda Grasso agreed to take the role of Director for the 2013 program.
- Christine will get the dollar amount to Brenda which can be used to purchase new equipment.
- There was concern if insurance will be higher due to Newtown Ct. Christine will look into the cost.
- Brenda will check with school to make sure the facility can be used.
- Brenda will make a list regarding what equipment is needed.
- Peg will check with the Township Committee and reach out to Linda Peralta to see if there any concerns with regard to security and safety for the Summer Rec program.

l. 2013 Activities

- The Committee reviewed the list of activities for 2013 and set dates and time for them.
- Peg offered to draft a flyer for the school which will be distributed by mid March.

m. Other

- Brad suggested having more lights near the food area under the pavilion. Brad will look into some costs.
- Brad also suggested having a safety strip for the electric wires.
- The committee discussed whether it was necessary to give a security deposit for use of the pavilion if the Recreation Committee is using the kitchen. Jim will talk with Linda Peralta in regards to the matter.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Licata
Secretary

Date approved