

**HAZLET RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES—June 12, 2014**

PRESENT- Steve S., Pat R., Mary P., Scott W., Mike C., Linda S., Henry P.,

Alternates: Joyce F, Pat T, Cliff Moore, Mayor DiNardo and Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti

Absent: Mike S., Mary H. Kevin L., Liaison Deputy Mayor Belasco

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday July 10, 2014 @7:00 PM

Mike C. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM the meeting started with a salute to the Flag and a moment of silence. Sunshine Law Statement Read.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Henry P made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2014 and Linda S. seconded.

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Executive Session Minutes May 8, 2014

MOTION to approve Mary P., seconded by Pat R.

PRESENT- Steve S., Pat R., Mary P., Scott W., Mike C (abstain), Linda S., Henry P.,

Alternates: Joyce F (abstain), Pat T, Cliff Moore (abstain)

Absent: Mike S., Mary H. Kevin L., Liaison Deputy Mayor Belasco

Purchase Orders for approval in the Trust Account: Offer to pay bills

Pat R.- The MRS system will become obsolete if we do go over eventually to the online administration?

Mike C.- I am not sure.

Steve S.- When is that contract up?

Pat R.- It is year to year.

Offered: Pat R

2nd Cliff M.

Yes: Steve S., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L. (7:05 PM), Scott W., Mike C., Linda S., Henry P., Joyce F.

Absent: Mike S., Mary H. Liaison Deputy Mayor Belasco

Public Portion:

Jaime Hoy- Senior Girl Scout in pursuit of Gold Award- I would like to run a community theatre program for the kids of Hazlet. I feel a great way to do this would be to offer an elective to the Recreation Summer Camp. The kids could audition but everyone will be cast. In the morning of the summer camp they could hopefully come into the Cullen Center and rehearse the play. Hopefully by the middle of August we could have a full scale production. I feel it is helpful for kids self-esteem, it would get them out trying something new and I feel summer camp is a great place to try it.

Type of show would be a junior version of “Into the Woods”, I would ask for the Recreation to front the money for the rights to the play and I will reimburse after the fact. Practice would be at least 3 days a week during camp. Maybe Tues-Thurs, 9am-11am. I would need at least 10 kids and we can incorporate children in the background. Would like the auditions first week of camp. The license is between \$600.00-\$800.00.

The Recreation Camp has a talent show in August and this should be coincided with Josh & Jaime since they do have a summer camp schedule.

Motion to approve putting out the \$600.00-\$800.00 for play rights as long as Camp Directors are on board.

Offered: Cliff M.

2nd Henry P.

Yes: Steve S., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L., Scott W., Mike C., Linda S., Henry P., Joyce F., Pat T., Cliff M.

Absent: Mike S., Mary H. Liaison Deputy Mayor Belasco

Mike C.- We have Christine Natarese from Keyport Recreation .

Cliff Moore- I recuse myself from the discussion and vote if it gets down to that. They tried to start a skateboard program in a park in Keyport and Mitsy and I backed them financially and it never came to fruition. I was at the recreation meeting last week in Keyport and they had reached out to Hazlet to discuss them having the Skate Jam in Hazlet.

Christine Natarese- This is the fifth year for the Keyport Skateboard Jam and it is every September at the waterfront in Keyport. There is a skate shop that comes in that brings ramps, tables with PA system and a trailer with a little shop for skateboard apparatus. One year the kids learned how to build a skateboard. Al from Central Jersey Skate Shop in Edison brings some skate boarders and they put on a show and after the show we have contests. It last about 2 hours with all different age groups from 3rd grade to 8th grade. We have 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for each group. Then we go into the high school kids and they do their contest. We do have a contest for scooters also. Every kid walks away with a prize. The big prize is a complete skateboard which is worth about \$150.00. The scooter we had last year for the big prize was \$250.00. Prizes consist of wheels, trucks to put board together, deck for skateboard, gift cards from local businesses. I go around and solicit these prizes and some businesses donate money to defray the costs of the Skateboard Jam because Central Jersey Skate Shop charges \$1,000.00 but he also brings giveaways from his shop. It is a great event. Last year we had Mr. Softee and this year we are having Ralphs. If we came to Hazlet we could do so much more with competition because you have the skate park and the property is so big.

Mike C- Where does the \$1,000.00 come from to pay for Central Jersey Skate Shop to come here and put on the Jam.

Ms. Natarese- I solicit donations to make up the money. Everything is donated. Cliff has helped us out since the beginning.

Pat R.- Is there a fee charged for anyone who would like to be a part of this?

Ms. Natarese- It is \$10.00 entry fee to enter contest and they get a T-shirt and a Gatorade.

Kevin L.- Who covers the Liability on this?

Ms. Natarese- The township.

Mayor DiNardo- Since we have the Skateboard Park here we should see a substantial savings on that \$1,000.00.

Ms. Natarese- Well he does a lot for the \$1,000.00.

Mike C.- It would be a co-sponsorship between Keyport and Hazlet?

Ms. Natarese- It is definitely over 100 skaters and we are looking for September 20, 2014 11am-3pm.

Mike C.- It would be the same day as the Horse Shoe Tournament.

Kevin L.- I don't think it would be an issue. To different ends of the park.

Ms. Natarese- We don't look to make money on this it is for the kids to have fun. We have all the volunteers from Keyport and I do everything.

Mike C.- It is a good idea but we need to have a Recreation Commissioner from Hazlet to work along with you and I think it should be Cliff Moore.

Motion to move forward with Keyport Recreation to join forces for the Skate Jam on September 20, 2014.

Offered: Pat R.

2nd Kevin L.

Yes: Steve S., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L., Scott W., Mike C., Linda S., Henry P., Joyce F., Pat T., (recused Cliff Moore)

Absent: Mike S., Mary H. Liaison Deputy Mayor Belasco

Motion to close public hearing.

Offered: Pat R.

2nd Kevin L.

Voice vote: Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

Aladdin Trip- Not a sell out there were 9 tickets left. The play was great.

VMP Field-

Hazlet Day Festival- Plans are moving along. Chris has been working on this with rides.

Mary P.- I think we should go back to the old fashion festival.

Pat R.- The rides they are looking into are too expensive.

Mike C.- We need to invite Chris to next meeting on July 10 to discuss Hazlet Day.

Summer Camp Salary Increase directors – Executive session

Memorial Day- It went very well.

Summer Sports Camp- Registrations are starting to come in.

E cigarettes policy in Cullen Center- No- Commissioners all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preseason baseball camp refund-Maxwell Furst broke his arm prior to camp starting and we have a doctor's note- Commissioners are all in favor of a full refund

Adult Classes in Senior Room during the summer- Mike C.- We received a request from a woman asking if it would be possible to use the senior room during the summer to run adult classes.

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti- The policy of the senior room is that it has to be available to the senior citizens 24/7. That is the way it was written to receive the grant for the building.

Fireworks – Everything is in order.

Movies in the park- Starting soon.

Mike C.- Everyone got a copy of the MSM2000 Series ShowMaster Sound Shell Community Stage. It is 14x28 and base price is \$82,142.00. The Mayor is also here to discuss plans to create a Spray Park.

Mayor DiNardo- We want to split the cost on the accessories with recreation. We are writing a multi-purpose Green Acres Grant we are doing a lot of work on all the parks in town this year. The volley ball court will be included also. There are numerous things we will be doing. Evergreen Park with the basketball and parking area and fencing with a dog park. HYAL Football field get new fencing and the Township will be resuming maintenance issues on the football field. Mercer Park which is a pocket park will receive some new playground equipment. The old sewer building at 16 Brookside will be a pocket park.

Mary P.- What is a pocket park?

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti- Veteran's Park is a large park the smaller parks in town are called pocket parks.

Mayor DiNardo- As far as Veteran's Park the Volley Ball Court will be in the grant and the Spray Park will also be in the grant. Green Acres told us that it will be a tough year but our best shot will be doing a multi park enhancement. I think we will be doing four parks.

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti-We are also putting this stage in the grant. If we share it with the Board of Education they are very big on Shared Services so the more we put into it the more we show that we cooperating with everyone else the better chances we have of getting more money.

Mike C.- How long does process take before we realize some of this money?

Mayor DiNardo- We are going forward with everything we are saying whether we get the grant or not. The Spray Park we are looking at is around \$75,000.00 and then we will recirculate the water so that has to be added into the price. We have the knowledge of assembling the Spray Park in our Department of Public Works so that can save us a significant amount of money. We are going forward and with the Spray Park we are going to need your help because we want the Recreation Commission behind us. We will also be doing some drainage so when we do empty the pools it will go into the storm drains.

Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Offered: Kevin L.

2nd Mike C

Motion to come out of executive session:

Offered: Kevin L.

2nd Cliff M.

Voice Vote: Yes

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Mary P.-Would like to borrow tables for a track day function for Democratic Club on July 12, 2014. Must leave a \$100.00 check with Kathy and take an inventory of what has been taken and give it to Kathy. Commissioners are all in favor.

Mary P. – We want to run a trip in September to the San Genaro festival.

Scott W. – Do some research on it see how much the bus costs and the dates.

REPORT FROM LIASION:

No one spoke.

Co-Chairman Scott W. asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting Cliff M. made a motion and Linda S. seconded. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 9:00 PM