

October 9, 2014

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Recreation Advisory Council held at 7:00 p.m.

Salute to the flag and moment of silent prayer called by Chairman.

Statement – Open Public Meetings Act & Emergency Fire Exits.

In Compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Hazlet Recreation Advisory Council was provided in the following manner:

- (A) On October 1, 2014 advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1776 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.
- (B) On October 1, 2014 advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and the Asbury Park Press.
- (C) On N/A , copies of advance written notice of this meeting were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notices on or before January 1, 2014.

Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2014

Offered Henry P

2nd Bill S.

Michael Christopher Yes

Scott Whalen Absent

Patricia Rozing Yes

Mary Hoffman Abstain

Henry Pekarsky Yes

William Shewan Yes

Kevin Lavan Absent (7:10 PM)

Mary Paraskevas Absent (7:12 PM)

Linda Sims Yes

Alternates

Patrick Toal Absent

Joyce Feirstein Yes

Guests in attendance:

John Meyer, Swim Club Manager

Kathy Devaney, Asst. Swim Club Manager

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Program updates – Science Class with two sessions 10:30 has 4 kids and 4PM session has 5 kids.

New classes- Mommy & Me that is up and running

Refund for gymnastics- A letter from Tracy Annuziatta requesting money back for the her child from the Fall Gymnastics Program at Cove Road School. Due to issues occurring in the class with her child her and Marcia decided that her son not return. The decision was made from the Hazlet Recreation staff that a refund could be issues if Ms. Annuziatta went in person within a week. She spoke with Kathy and Kathy requested a letter be written as to why her son cannot attend class and why is refund being requested. She was informed that the class was overbooked and her child was number 25 which was over the child instructor ratio. I would like to resolve issue and receive the refund of \$78.00 in a timely manner.

Mike C.- I know in the past we have only given out refunds prior to the class beginning and/or with a doctor's note.

Pat R.- If the teacher requests the money been giving back at least that is the way we did in the preschool.

Mike C.- Kathy reach out to Marcia and have her write a reason why Ms. Annuziatta should receive her money back.

Joyce F.- As an advisory committee ultimately the committee makes the decision on the refund not us?

Mike C.- No.

Liasion Committeewoman Ronchetti- You are still running the programs.

Mike C.- I am not sure next year how we will go with the money portion of it. Will have to put out a P.O. for everything we refund?

Liasion Committeewoman Ronchetti- You will still be in charge of the money for the programs.

Mike C.- Nothing is changing until January.

Cheer competition – Mike C.- I got a phone call from Coleen Duran and she is looking to start a cheer competition squad. They would not cheer for any particular team. We would sponsor them similar to how we do it with the Thunderettes.

Mary H.- As long as they hold their own insurance.

Mike C.- The Thunderettes are under our insurance. We give them a place to practice and they call themselves the Hazlet Thunderettes. We do not provide a uniform. That is the extent of our sponsorship.

Mary H.- I agree to it but with the insurance something happening in Cheer is much greater than twirling.

Motion to sponsor a Hazlet Youth Cheer Competition Squad

Offered: Mike Christopher

2nd Mary Hoffman

Roll Call Yes votes: Mike C., Pat R., Mary H., Henry P. William S., Kevin L., Mary P., Joyce F.

Holiday Show with Perna: Kathy V.- Raritan High School re-did the auditorium and they are going to charge \$70 per hour for a light and sound person. So if Perna don't pay for it we cancel the show.

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti- I will have Joe Belasco talk to the Superintendent of schools Bernie Bragan.

Mike C.- Kathy will call Perna and let her know what is going and we will see if we can get the fee waived or reduced.

Council events:

Trunk or Treat Oct 25- Henry P.-Last year kids marched around and the Commissioners picked out 1st, 2nd, & 3rd winners. We gave out a lot of candy. We will get a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbon we will look into getting ribbons from Oriental Trading for everyone. We will do costume contest first and then Trick or Trunk

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 25- Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti- Raine has approached me and asked if we might want to consider doing this together in conjunction with St. Benedicts, Hazlet Recreation and The Raine Foundation. Possibly do it over at St. Benedicts or over here. Patty will be happy to come and discuss with everyone. They get the food donated and give you most of it anyway. We can still use our vans to transport the people and they have Gary from Buhler & Bitter who will help out. She wanted to see what you guys thought?

Pat R. - Excellent.

Linda S.- I was going to suggest that.

Mary H.- Why don't we just give it a shot and see how it works out.

Mike C.- Barbara will go to the Raine Executive Board meeting and let Patty know that I will be happy to meet with her.

Menorah & Christmas Tree Lighting Dec 5

Breakfast with Santa Dec 6- Mike C- I saw Ray Dubey at Hazlet Day and it was good to see him up and around. Should we go on the assumption that he would be willing to help out this year. I will reach out to him.

(Kevin L. excusing himself from the meeting 7:30PM)

Summer Camp

Pool Club- John Meyer, Manager & Kathy Devaney, Asst. Manager– Mike C. – The bulk of these folks here and myself included have been on Recreation Commission for a number of years some of us for quite a few years and we have never had anything to do with the Swim Club. We thought it would be a good idea to bring you guys in and introduce ourselves. Also pick your brain and get an idea of what worked last year and what did not work.

John M.- I would like to see them invest and maintain what they have. Mechanically, ecstatically, coping around the pools that is breaking, filters that weren't working that are still kind of working. We invested money in a lot of stuff nobody was looking for and left stuff that people have been asking for years. The playground being one thing people have been asking to be updated for years. Granted we were told the playground was too expensive to accomplish with the money we had. The lower level field has overgrown weeds that we would have liked to see done and a lot of obstacles came with the ball playing this year because there are stickers and stuff. We did find out that there were plans for that lower field . Pool lights didn't work so they fixed them. My personal opinion is if we are going to invest money invest in what we have before you invest in stuff that no one is looking for.

Mike C.- Infrastructure things you are talking about. I know the engineer is in the feasibility studies of the spray park. They are proposing it to be more towards Green Acres Driveway.

Pat R.- Why don't we move the compactor down to Leocadia Court by DPW?

Kathy D.- We use that a few times a day.

Mike C.- So we invited you in so we can learn about this stuff because we have been told we can make changes like this.

John M. – The way it is set up you have 3 pools and 4 motors. Two motors operate the main pool and make it one big pool. One motor operates the step pool and one motor operates the dive tank. The little spray pool is totally separate and isolated. If the dive pool goes down that pool will drain until they can shut it off and it won't affect the other two pools. This year they put all new motors in and one motor in the season don't know how long went bad. They took the motor out and it was removed for whatever reason for the entire season. Waiting for the pump guy to say yes it is our fault or no its the companies fault, etc. Whatever reason we were there for the whole year with one motor operating.

John M.- Family fun day works and it's not a big expense and people do come in. One thing they brought in this year was opening to the general public for two weeks at the end of the season.

Did not work out too well, to many arguments in the swim club between members and non-members.

Bill S.- One suggestion is to have it in July not late in August. No one predicted this was going to happen the intent was a good one it just didn't work out.

Mike C. - We are going to try and make your life easier John by opening up the communication process.

Report from Event Representatives

Chris McManus-Hazlet Day Festival- Would like to thank Mary P., Pat R. and Barbara for helping me through the process. Everything went smoothly and we had 30 crafters, 41 businesses, 25 community services, 5 food vendors. That was a total of 101 spaces all together.

Mike C.- All the vendors do know that once they are here they know that they are not allowed to remove their vehicles until Hazlet Day is over. We need to make sure this is spelled out for people. There are children running around and they should not have to look for cars driving through Hazlet Day.

Liasion Committeewoman Ronchetti- It is spelled out in the letter they get.

Chris McManus – Below is the figures for:

HAZLET DAY FESTIVAL

2013- with concession	2013- without concession	2014
INCOME	INCOME	Income
Sponsorship \$900.00	Sponsorship \$900.00	Sponsorship \$1,275.00
Vendors \$3,490.00	Vendors \$3,490.00	Vendors \$4,310.00
Concession \$1,162.15	Total \$4,390.00	Total \$5,585.00
Total \$5,552.15		
Expense	Expense	Expense
Advertising \$85.00	Advertising \$85.00	Advertising \$ 188.00
Concession \$767.07	Rides \$ 3,785.020	Rides \$ 3,802.00
Rides \$ 3,785.020	Supplies \$117.66	Supply lawn signs \$ 358.00
Supplies \$117.66	Total \$3,987.66	Total \$ 4,348.00
Total \$4,754.73		
Profit \$ 797.42	Profit \$ 402.34	Profit \$ 1,237.00

Mike C.- I would like to bring back the hamburgers & hot dogs under Hazlet Recreation Advisory Council next year. If we are not going to revisit it then we should look at one of the groups who came in in the past and asked about doing this but we always sent them away.

Pat R.- I think we should have the Rocket Launchers do this. They can put the money in their general fund. I don't think us as a council doing it is not feasible anymore.

Bill S.- When you all did the stand it was exposure to who was on the Commission. I think you should do the food stand.

Mike C.- After we parked cars what else has to be done when Hazlet Day started at 11AM?

Joyce F.- I walked around to see if anyone needed anything.

Mike C.- I went around emptying garbage.

Pat R.- This was the first time in twenty years I got to enjoy the festival.

Chris M.-I would like to do this again next year.

KEYS FOR THE RECREATION BUILDING:

Pat R.- What about the new keys for the building they were all changed.

Mike C. – They were replaced and we don't get keys.

Pat R.- Even for the barn for the ice?

Mike C.- We don't get keys.

Mary H.- Why?

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti- It was the Business Administrators decision. There were keys giving to people who should not have had keys.

Mike C.-We were told they are keeping control of the keys and we are not getting keys.

Pat R. – What if I want ice?

Mike C.- You can't use it.

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti- Yes you can come talk to Kathy.

Pat R. – What about the weekends when Kathy is not here?

Mary H.- Its one minor incentive to being a Commissioner.

Reports from liaisons

Liaison Committeewoman Ronchetti –

Volley ball Court redone and it is up to code, it was done in-house.

In-field at Veteran's Park & Eighth Street Park is done stone has been put all around on both parks;

New playgrounds are being delivered next week for where the Sewer building was and HYAL;

Leocadia Court walking trail is getting fitness stations put in;

Filters for pool are due to come in next week;

Drawings were received from the engineer for the spray park they are going to be re-visited a lot has to be changed on them;
Ed Huber is the Program Coordinator who is under Kathy.

Mike C.- I want to talk about the key situation again.

Liasion Committeewoman Ronchetti- Mike you were on the list to get a key.

Mike C.- If I am working I can't be here.

Mary P.- Well Ed Huber will have to be called out.

Citizens Hearing:

No one spoke.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Linda Sims

2nd Pat Rozing

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Linda Sims

2nd Pat Rozing

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 8:32 PM

Mary Lynch
Secretary Recreation Advisory Council