

August 14, 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 Mike Christopher

**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 August 14, 2014, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:  
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.

(B) On August 14, 2014, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and published in the Asbury Park Press on.

Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2014

Offered Henry P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mary P

Michael Christopher Yes

Scott Whalen Yes

Patricia Rozing Absent

Mary Hoffman Absent

Henry Pekarsky Yes

William Shewan Abstain

Kevin Lavan Absent

Mary Paraskevas Yes

Linda Sims Absent

Alternates

Patrick Toal Absent

Joyce Feirstein Absent

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – July 10, 2014

Offered Mary P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike C.

**Roll Call:**

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Scott Whalen Yes

Patricia Rozing Absent

Mary Hoffman Absent

Henry Pekarsky Yes

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### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Mike C- Mayor DiNardo what is our role as the Advisory Council for Recreation? It is to my understanding that as far as Recreation was concerned there would be no change other than the way we pay our bills so to speak. I have been asked about the Environmental Commission has asked me that Recreation is taken over NATCO Lake? I had told them that it has never been discussed.

Mayor DiNardo- NATCO Park is a sanctuary and we are leaving it alone.

Bill S. – There activities will remain the same such as walks through the park?

Mayor DiNardo- It has nothing to do with Recreation that is not a recreational used park.

Mike C.- What is the role of this advisory council in relations to the pool club?

Mayor DiNardo- There are some Rules and Regulations that need to be re-written that have never been addressed. We are going to get the lawyer to come to the next meeting. Evaluation of the swim club and come forth with recommendations of things that you want to see done and go forward.

Mike C.- Bill has a broader background in the swim club then say I do I am not speaking for everyone else on the Council. It was going to be that we were going to get a crash course on the pool club between now and the fall and listen to the public. Those types of things are going to come but not tonight. I see our role at the pool club becoming more focused over the next couple of months. As far as Recreation is concerned they will be paying their bills differently than we have in the past, at least initially and then of course, we will be taken on a larger load of the pool club. The Township Committee will be the entity to memorialize all the various changes we want to make. Everyone was asked to make a trip to the swim club and get to know a little bit about it. Our number one thing right now is Hazlet Day. The Swim Club is a yearlong process much like Hazlet Day.

**Pool Club Visits-** Mary P and Henry P visited the swim club. Henry P. was asked to run a Ping Pong Tournament which he agreed to do and break it down by age groups on Labor Day weekend.

Mike C- Dennis would like us to incorporate the pool club with as many functions as we can so it is a better attraction to get people to join.

Bill S. – On Hazlet Day when we set up the Recreation table it should have advertisements for the Swim Club for more exposure.

Henry P.- When I was in Charge of swim club they had tables in the shaded areas for bingo and things like that. They were talking about putting it back for next year.

Mary P. I did go and I took my grandson. I felt very comfortable being there. I did like the way they alternated the diving area and the climbing wall. I did notice a lot of different camps besides Hazlet there which kind of threw me off.

Mike C.- I would like to see our Hazlet campers where like a wrist band to let people know who is a Hazlet camper. A bright color that stands out.

Scott W.- I have heard rumors that some of our campers have been bullying some of the other kids and if we can identify them maybe these kids will think about their actions.

Bill Shewan- One of the pumps is down.

Mayor DiNardo- Thank you I will look into that tomorrow I did not know that.

**Mayor DiNardo:**

- Eighth Street park we stoned it and we are putting 1 ½ inches on top of basketball courts to fix stress cracks and restripe them.
- Tomorrow or Monday the latest to saw cut the field. We are going to get a gas edger straight cut it and circle out the ball field. Beers Street will get the same thing. As soon as camp is over we are jumping in here. We are doing wood chips, stone and a decent amount of work. We will hit every park this year real fast. All ball fields will be cleaned up, tennis courts.
- We are not going to be cutting grass anymore, we are going to piggy back all the grass cutting on the school this year. We are meeting with them next week. All these buildings are going to be cleaned a lot more. We are going to spend some more money getting the buildings cleaned up. Leocadia Court is getting some exercise equipment around the walkway, ball fields and around the parking lot along walkway will be blue stoned. All parking lots will get stoned up. We are fixing the flooding of Beers Street. Evergreen becomes part Dog park and we will have parking there and basketball courts get rehabbed and complete fencing. The whole park is getting redone. We have a small dog and large dog part of the park.
- Mercer Park Barbara wants to do odds and ends over there. We are looking at every park. Clean them up and make them look right.

Mike C.- One area over by Liberty Park needs some work. They cut the grass and it looks great. There is an abandoned house with an open built in pool.

Mayor DiNardo- We will go out there and look at it.

Mr. Shewan-Every month that goes by is time lost in my opinion. In the past the township had an I-optic approach to running the pool but no one paid attention to it. The last six years it has made money and we made a profit. No money is owed and we are in good shape. We need to keep on top of the finances to make sure we stay in black and not get into the red. Belly Flop has been a

success. It is not a municipal pool it is a pool for members, members pay a fee and as such they have expectations. Some moves that are made may not be productive. The members were not informed about the changes this year. The ball playing is a real problem. You need different things for the age groups to do. What better than a basketball court or throwing a Frisbee. With the pool membership up, there is not much room

Mike C.- We are going to be looking into more space for the kids to play. We have \$162,000.00 in our account but some of that money is earmarked for certain things like a new stage. The stage is \$82,000.00 but its movable and other people can use it. Every other year we talked about a spray park because Barbara really wanted one.

Bill S. – We should have an input in the swim club rates.

Scott W.- They are not going to raise the rates more then what has been projected.

Mike C.- It is all based on the budget and if another governing body/ administration comes in it could all change.

Scott W.- Anyone from the pool club can come here and speak we would love to hear their ideas.

### **Reports from Acting Program Coordinator**

**Bus Trips**-2 Bus Trips: Cape May at Christmas and Radio City.

We have 2 buses for Cape May. Radio City is November 22, 2014 and Cape May is December 13, 2014 and leave earlier than last year for people to walk around. Leave about 12:30 go to Hemingway's for dinner and give them more time to tour the houses. Dinner include in the price of the trip between \$75.00-\$80.00

**Summer Camp**- Ends tomorrow. We had a rain free summer camp. The two days it did rain they came inside. Jaimie & Josh did a great job. Josh is not coming back next year.

Scott W.- As per Mayor DiNardo we as a recreation council can go to the League of Municipalities and the township will buy our tickets into convention hall.

Mike C.- Summer camp ends tomorrow and we only had one young lady with an ankle sprain and she was a counsellor who fell in a hole on a trip.

Mary P.- For summer camp I would like to suggest we have more control over their trips. I heard that their trips were terrible.

Kathy V.- Yes they were not age appropriate for some of the campers.

Mary P.- Also, there was more bus riding than anything.

**Fall Programs**- We should think about trying to get some new programs.

### **Report from Event Representatives**

**Chris McManus-Hazlet Day Festival**

As of today we have the following:

- 14 Craft Vendors
- 14 businesses
- 11 community services
- 4 food vendors

We are at the same with food as last year. We are ahead from last year as of today. Lining was done by Karen last year. This year I would like to use a ruler for the lining.

Mike C.- Last year we had the problem with the fire companies being in the middle. They need to be in spots where they can get out in a hurry if need be.

Chris M.- I had sent two letters to Frank Wood from N. Centerville and I haven't heard anything as of today. Cliff Moore is coming with his Moore Yarn truck and Affordable Housing is coming with their Mobile van it is a State organization and they need more than one space.

We sent out sponsorship letters and I got back \$625.00 from Buhler and Bitter for one ride. Costco has a table but no donation.

Scott W.-What happens to the money we make?

Mike C.- It will go back into the general fund for the township.

#### **Rides:**

- **Six rides**
- **Pony ride on the hill like last year**
- **Rock Wall will be by Skate Park**
- **Trampoline and Rock Wall have to be 25 feet apart (I contacted Dave Rooke I am waiting for him to get back to me to make sure everything fits).**

**Things will be placed in same spots as last year except for a few minor changes.**

- **52 foot obstacle course ( it was mapped out for the spot)**
- **Trackless train in the island because the road will be blocked off.**
- **101.5 FM is coming with their small tent 12pm-2pm**
- **Perna 2-2:30 pm**

**Estimated total for rides \$3,802.00**

Mike C.- Why are we getting a \$1,300.00 discount? Right now we have about \$2,000.00 covered already.

Chris M.- Yes. I do not know why. All the rides were booked before I took over.

Mary P.- I would like to eliminate the bounce house.

Council is not in agreement. Bounce house is in.

Chris M.-Pat R would like to get volunteer shirts if council has their food stand. But with the money going to general budget I already have a hot dog man lined up.

Mike C.- What do we charge him?

Chris M.- \$150.00 vendor fee.

Scott W. – What did Pat have to say about this?

Chris M.- She thought it was a great idea.

Mary P.-She had the feeling she might have trouble finding volunteers because there are people that are very upset. What we are suggesting is that we give that spot to Hog Heaven. Then we have the hot dog man because right now we only have the sausage person and Hog Heaven and ice cream.

Mike C.- It's not a difficult decision we are going to pick up how many spots by us not having the food stand?

Chris M.- A good three spots.

Mike C.- Those three spots will bring in how much money?

Chris M.- Residents are \$150.00 and non-residents are \$200.00. No volunteer letters were sent out as of this week.

Scott W.- She doesn't mind if it goes this way she is actually leaning that way.

No food stand for Recreation this year.

**Parking issues:** Will we be parking on the fields this year since they redid the fields? Where will the vendors park. Can we put them at Brookdale?

Mike C.-No. It might become a liability issue. We will probably have to fence off the infield. I will find out I'll get back to you.

**Garbage Hazlet Day:** See if we can get 2 men in the morning and two men for the afternoon. We have to see who is covering the o/t?

Get in touch with Absolute Music to see if he is coming back.

Chris M.- Do we still want a spot for recreation?

Mike C.- If we get to the point where they are all filled up we should sell our spot but if not we can use it to advertise for the swim club literature. Thank you Chris good job.

Scott W.-Good job Chris and Mary.

**Reports from liaisons**

None.

**Citizens Hearing:**

Lori Zinnerman- The pool club is not meant to be opened during the winter. They do close the pipes so unless your are going to insulate the pipes so they can handle it. Also you are going to have to blow hot air under that bubble which will cost about \$15,000.00. It's not feasible.

Bill S.- I came into this council recognizing I have to volunteer. Hazlet Day I will be available but I do have a table at Hazlet Day for Hazlet Area Quality of Life.

Scott W.- Let the vendors know the times and we don't tolerate early leaving. At least we can say we warned them.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Mary P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill S.

Voice Vote: Yes

**Motion to adjourn:**

Offered Mary P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill S.

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 8:28 PM