

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Members Present:

Megan Johnson	Lisa Intrabartola
Rosemary Pendergast	Sean Rogan
Nancy Smith	Fran Daley
Jeremy Padmos	

Rosemary opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

Motion by Fran Daley, seconded by Lisa Intrabartola, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. Vote all ayes, motion carried.

SUMMER RECREATION

Tiffany Cinquemani, Director, was in attendance to discuss the 2019 Summer Recreation Program, which will run from July 1 through July 26th. Tiffany said the enrollment for Summer Recreation has been declining each year. Discussion was held on the main reason – parents want a full day program. Tiffany has inquired and the school said the program would have to end at 3:00 pm. She has been in contact with Joe Harris about having the sports camp right after recreation, but she has not heard back from him. Tiffany said she has limited bus trips, and in previous years she received cash donations totaling \$300 which she used for prizes, but the donations have gone away. A suggestion was made that the Recreation Commission request a cash advance of \$500 for Tiffany to use for prizes.

Rosemary questioned whether Tiffany got any feedback to the survey she sent out at the end of Summer Recreation 2018. Tiffany replied not one response.

Tiffany is planning some new workshops for 2019 – Magic Workshop, Animal Arts, Acting Workshop, Maple Syrup Workshop, Animal Strategies Workshop, Skull Workshop, Hip Hop Drumming Workshop and Foodie Fridays Cooking Club. She is also planning the usual - bowling, laser tag, trampoline park, and roller skating.

Lisa suggested that Camp Carr be contacted and to maybe partner with them for the afternoon session. This would not be feasible for this year but maybe for next year's program.

Megan suggested trips to the Red Mill and the Art Center.

Sean asked how should we market Summer Rec? Suggestions – Post on Facebook, an email blast, orientation packets, Save the Date, advertise early. Tiffany said the registration packets are online in March, nobody registers until June. Sean asked Tiffany to send him a one page of activities and he would see if he can get his friend (who has helped him with the Bonfire and Canoe Race brochures). Lisa will word the email and Fran will send it out.

Rosemary thanked Tiffany for attending and sharing her plans with the Commission.

Rosemary made a motion, seconded by Sean, to authorize the issuance of a check to Tiffany for \$500.00 to purchase prizes for Summer Recreation. Vote all ayes, motion carried.

WINTERFEST

Sean said it was one of the best that we've had – 375 lbs. of canned goods were collected for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. The Fire Department collected \$300 in donations; the sponsors gave \$2,000 to the School for the educational field trips and \$1,300 for Recreation.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Senior Luncheon is scheduled for May 5th, 2019. Rosemary will contact Carol Dorf as to the availability of the Fire House for that date. Megan will contact Dino at the Town Restaurant about catering the luncheon.

TENNIS PROGRAM

Don Berkman said that John Amabile has accepted a full-time job in Washington, D.C. for the summer and will not be able to run the Tennis Program. There is no one to take over running the program currently. Brad will be asked to contact the High School Tennis Program to see if they have anyone interested in taking this on.

REQUESTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

The following requests was approved:

1. Laura Burr – NH Girls Softball team - Meet & Greet, March 16, 30, 2019, 1-3 pm

FIELD REQUESTS – Gebhardt Field

The following requests were approved:

1. Clinton Millers Amateur Baseball – Sundays, March 31 9:00 – 3:00 pm
April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 19, June 2, 9, 23, 30
July 14, 21, 28
2. West Jersey Baseball – Sundays, April 28, May 5, May 12 Mid-Afternoon
Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 21 – July 23 6:00 – 9:00 pm
3. Hunterdon Mohawks, Lacrosse Practice – 3x per week in March 4:00 – 7:00 pm

VOUCHERS FOR APPROVAL

None – Town is switching to new computer software vendor.

TOWN PICNIC

Megan reported that the Picnic Committee has selected Garden State Fireworks at a cost of \$5,500.00 and wish to use Rental Center to rent tables and tents in the amount of \$357.30.

Jeremy Padmos made a motion, seconded by Sean Rogan, to hire Garden State Fireworks for the Town Picnic and to authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$5,500.00. Vote all ayes, motion carried. Jeremy Padmos made a motion, seconded by Sean Rogan, to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Rental Center in the amount of \$357.30 for the rental of tables and tents for the picnic. Vote all ayes, motion carried.

FRENCHTOWN PLAYGROUND

Lisa and Megan said that Frenchtown rebuilt their playground for \$230,000. They surveyed the school as to the needs. They were able to use \$112,000 Open Space Funds from Hunterdon County and applied for grants.

Megan said we need to ask permission to use Suburban Engineering in preparing a conceptual plan for the playground at the Community Center. Fran Daley made a motion, seconded by Sean Rogan, to request

permission from the Mayor & Council for the Recreation Commission to use Suburban Engineering in preparing a conceptual plan for the playground at the Community Center. Vote all ayes, motion carried.

MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN/HEALTHY TOWN DESIGNATION

Megan said that Mayor Kovach is very interested in pursuing the Healthy Town Designation. Megan will send out the information Council received.

FUNDRAISING

Some other ideas for fundraising were presented for discussion:

Horseshoes

Cornhole Tournament

Senior Walk

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 21st, 2019 at 7:30 pm, at the Town of Clinton Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Smith

Minutes approved by Board of Recreation Commissioners on March 21, 2019.