

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:46 p.m. by Chairperson Helene Reczka with the following members present: Ed Burgio, Jodi Halteman, Brian Robinson, Janet Bardello, Mike Morel and Dick Lagg. Patti Clark was absent.

OPENING STATEMENT: The Chairman noted compliance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 as being met.

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the August 12, 2008 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Chairperson Reczka opened the meeting to the public. No public present. Meeting was closed to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Mayor and Township Committee | Memo re membership recommendation for Janet Bardello |
| 2. | Township Clerk | Letter re appointment of Janet Bardello to Rec Com. |
| 3. | Bob Smith, Dep. Mayor | Information re start time for upcoming Senior Citizen Luncheon |
| 4. | George Ely Associates | Proposal for supplying basketball court equipment |

We reviewed correspondence. At this time it was noted that the Township Committee approved Janet Bardello's application for membership to the Recreation Committee. Janet took her oath of office as Alternate #3. We also made note of the time change for the upcoming Senior Citizen Luncheon on Sunday, September 21st. We will begin at 12 noon instead of 1 pm to accommodate Mayor Gail Phoebus and Deputy Mayor Bob Smith as they will need to leave the luncheon in the early afternoon to attend a function. Ed Burgio reported on the current situation with the work on the rink which will make it a dual purpose site - roller hockey and basketball. Proposals for the resurfacing and striping of the rink and the purchase of the basketball equipment have been submitted and we are waiting for their approval by our Finance Department. The proper paperwork will be taken care of so that we can proceed with the actual work. Ed anticipates speaking with the people from Superior Surfacing tomorrow to get an actual date that they can begin. As soon as the equipment is received our Road Department will do the installation.

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Next Ed shared with the members a copy of a photo and short caption that appeared in the New Jersey Herald recently of the members of Boy Scout Troop 85 who received the certificates of recognition from the Township Committee for painting the inside, outside and trim of the Hillside Park skating rink. Ed worked very closely with the scouts and was proud that they were singled out for recognition. Of course, without the assistance from Vice Chair, Ed Bugio the project would have never gotten done. We all thanked Ed for his time and energies given to this project. Ed also mentioned that the scouts are always looking for additional projects that might assist either the township or its residents. We did mention that we had in the past attempted to get the scouts and the senior citizens in the township in touch with each other so that the scouts could be of assistance to the seniors when necessary. That could include snow and ice removal during the winter months or perhaps grass cutting during the summer. Some seniors might need help with putting their garbage out weekly for pick up or perhaps some type of home improvement that is not too detailed. It was mentioned that we might have put a message along those lines in a prior township newsletter. We will attempt to do that once again.

Ed mentioned one of the young men who is a member of this Boy Scout Troop's ability to work with a computer. This young man actually is putting together a proposal whereby he would be the webmaster for the township's website. He would like to upgrade the website and also make it more user friendly. We all agreed that it would be wonderful for both the township and the young man to form this working relationship. The township would get a need met and the young man would get invaluable experience, not to mention a great addition for his college resume. It will be interesting to see how this all works out.

Jodi Halteman made a motion to file Correspondence Sent and Received. Ed Burgio seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hillside Park Improvements: Skating Rink Resurfacing and Basketball Equipment: This was covered under correspondence.

2. Discussion re remaining activities sponsored by Recreation Committee for 2008: Senior Luncheon - September 21st - We all commented on the fact that the Seniors have a habit of arriving at the luncheon early so we might anticipate seeing them at the barn around 11:00 am since we moved the start time up to 12 noon! We will all meet at the barn at 10:30 am to begin setting up. Our menu is as follows: From Farmstead - Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, String Beans Almandine and a sheet cake; Jackie is bringing Williamsburg Chicken with Rice; Roast Beef with Ajus Gravy; Tomato Bisque; Helene will bring Egg Plant Parmesan; Brian will bring Baked Ziti; Ed will bring Steamed Carrots; Dick Lagg will bring Brownies and Janet Bardello will bring a crumb cake and lemon bars. The Director will also pick up salad fixings, fruit bowls and paper goods from Costco. We will have bottled water, coffee, tea and soda.

At this time we briefly discussed the next couple of activities we have planned that will get us to the end of the year. The Teen Dance will be on Friday, November 14th. The Director is in contact with the DJ, Scott Both. We will need a good amount of chaperones as always and we will also ask members of our Police Department to stop in just like last year. We will finalize our plans for the dance at the October meeting and make a list of chaperones from the committee.

We have the annual bus trip to NYC on Saturday, December 6th and at this time we have almost one bus filled. We will be running 2 buses with a new bus company that offers smaller buses - 49 passengers as opposed to the 57 passenger buses we used with the old company. We will be getting 2 buses for what we paid for 1 in the past. So we are excited about this savings. The new bus company - Panorama - comes highly recommended by Jefferson Twp. HS who uses them for their charters. Then the next day, Sunday, December 7th is the annual children's holiday party. The Director will take care of the advertising details for the bus trip and children's party. At this time it looks like we will go ahead with a Holiday Party to be held at the barn for all Andover Township employees, members of boards and committees, professionals and all other volunteers. Of course they will be permitted to bring a guest as in the past 2 years. The date available for this party is Friday, December 12th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Any discussions brought before the committee by members present: Jodi Halteman informed the board that a member of the Environmental Commission, Gregory George, through his wife who is a member of the Mom's Club that Jodi is involved with is offering to donate new sand for the sand box at Hillside Park. He feels that the sand that is in the box now is unsanitary and needs a change. Of course we are always glad to be on the receiving end of donations that will improve our park area. He wanted to know who he would have to coordinate this with. Mr. George needs to contact Darren Dickinson with our Road Department to coordinate the project.

Helene Reczka mentioned that the Highland Soccer Club would like to make arrangements to have a portable toilet placed at the soccer field at the nursing home and are asking who they need to get this cleared with. The Director will take care of getting permission and she will contact Rick Barnett of the Highlands Soccer Club to let him know what to do. Also, the club would like to get benches at the Andover Boro field. The club needs to contact the Andover Borough Hall for that information. The Boro is a separate municipality.

Mike Morel brought up the parking lot plans that he drew up and that we really need to make sure are submitted for pricing when 2009 budget plans are being addressed. All of the improvements we make at the park require sufficient parking and by implementing this parking plan we will improve the situation a great deal.

The renovations at the Hillside House are near completion. We just need to address the air conditioning, rear deck and storage shelves and doors. Mike Morel will be in contact with Darren to see how we can move this along. We can contact the YMCA to see how we can proceed with making plans for programs they will run at that site in the spring. We will advertise these programs in upcoming township newsletters. We also are looking to run a yoga program and other adult recreation programs such as sewing or wood carving, etc.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Oct. 12th - Weigly - Wedding Party - Fee - \$1,000.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Dick Lagg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. It was seconded by Ed Burgio. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Reczka, Chairperson

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary