

JANUARY 13, 2009
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The meeting to reorganize the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:35 PM by Secretary Jackie Huelbig with the following members present: Helene Reczka, Mike Morel, Dick Lagg, Jodi Halteman, Brian Robinson, Patti Clark and Janet Bardello and Ed Burgio joined the meeting in session. Liaison Tom Walsh was also in attendance.

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

At this time, the Secretary called for reorganization of the Committee. Nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were called for. Helene Reczka nominated Ed Burgio to fill the position of Chairperson. Dick Burgio seconded the motion, all in favor. A vote was called for with all members present voting yes. Dick Lagg nominated Helene Reczka to fill the position of Vice Chair. Mike Morel seconded the motion, all in favor. A vote was called for with all members present voting yes.

At this time the Secretary turned the meeting over to Chairperson Ed Burgio. We reviewed the resolution # R2009-1, listing meeting dates for 2009. The Director explained that she added some extra meeting dates in March and May in case we need to meet to go over the details of the 2009 Andover Township Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 30th. If it turns out that the extra meetings are not necessary we can cancel them by giving notice to the newspaper and posting the cancellations on the township website. The first meeting in March on the 10th would be the first one that we would hold an Andover Twp. Day meeting prior to the regular meeting. The Director will be contacting those groups who participated in the 2007 Andover Township Celebration to attend this meeting. The second meeting in March which is the 31st falls the week before the Easter Egg Hunt which is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. The March 31st meeting will take the place of our normal meeting in April and then we have an additional meeting at the end of April on the 28th to make sure we are on pace for Andover Township Day. We then have 2 meetings in May to bring us up to the actual celebration. Our November meeting falls the week of the Teen Dance on Nov. 13th. Our December meeting will be on Dec. 1st in order for us to finish the hall decorations for the upcoming holiday activities. Mike Morel made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-1. Ed Burgio seconded it, all in favor. It will be published according to law.

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the November 11, 2008 meeting was made with a motion by Mike Morel. Brian Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting was made with a motion by Helene Reczka. Jodi Halteman seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

The following members were reappointed to their membership positions by the Township Committee at the Township's reorganization meeting on January 2, 2009: Dick Lagg, regular member, term to expire December 31, 2011; Patti Clark, alternate #1 member, term to expire December 31, 2009; Brian Robinson, alternate #2 member, term to expire December 31, 2009 and Janet Bardello, alternate #3 member, term to expire December 31, 2009. The members signed their oaths.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Township Clerk, Vita Thompson | Memo re membership reappointments/ letters and oaths for reappointments |
| 2. | Mayor and Township Committee | Memo re fee schedule for 2009 and township resolution for same |
| 3. | US Sports | Program Confirmation |

We reviewed Correspondence Sent and Received. We had a brief discussion re the fee schedule for the Hillside House since it will be offered for rental/use this year. We had previously discussed that we should have a fee that would be different for applicants that are renting both buildings simultaneously such as for weddings, etc. It seems that asking for the full rental fee for the Hillside House when already paying the full fee for the Hillside Hall is a bit much. Discussion took place and the members all agreed to have the fee schedule amended to reflect the following: when the Hillside House is being rented in conjunction with the Hillside Park Hall, the fee for the House is as follows: Township Residents - \$75.00 (which is half of the normal fee) and Non-residents - \$150.00 (which is half of the normal fee). This would reflect the dual use. The Director will put this amendment in writing and give it to the Township Clerk so that she can make the formal amendment and put it on an agenda for approval by the Township Committee.

Next we discussed the sports camps that we have been holding in the township for the last several years. The US Sports will be at the park for the general sports camp on July 27th - 31st and the tennis camp will be August 17th - 21st. We discussed that now that we have the basketball courts available we should inquire if they have any special clinics or programs for basketball so that we can make use of the new courts. The Director will look into this.

At this time, Mike Morel made a motion to file all Correspondence. Jodi Halteman seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Holiday Activities: The bus trip was wonderful with absolutely no problems with the bus or drivers. They were prompt and polite and a pleasure to work with. What made it even nicer was the fact that the 2 buses cost us just about what 1 bus cost last year and we had so many complaints with the other bus company. We will definitely use the same company next year. The children's party went well. We had a good turn out and this marked the first time that we had our new Santa with us. He was not quite as gregarious as Jim Doran, but we did think he did a great job and all the children and parents seemed pleased. The adult party was very enjoyable. The food was outstanding and the evening went along without any problems. People seemed to want to stay a while longer so they must have been having a good time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Detective Eric Danielson, ATPD, FOP 177, was planning on being with us tonight but due to not having all of the information he needed to present his proposal to construct dug outs at Hillside Park he asked if he could move his proposal to the February meeting. We will have him on our agenda for February 10th.

2. Review Plans for 2009 activities. We reviewed the proposal from the Sussex County YMCA which will include the following: Feeling Fit Exercise Class for Seniors; Adult Exercise Class for adults; Music and Movement for Parents and toddlers walking to 2 years old. These classes would be held on Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 11:30 am. We liked the idea that we would be offering something for a wide range of ages. We will definitely proceed with these programs. Also, we received a notice from the head golf instructor for To The Tee golf lessons located at the Newton Golf Centre on Rt. 206 in Newton. Andover residents would be offered programs for both adults and juniors. The township would advertise the program and collect the registration forms and fees with the town keeping \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per junior and the instructor gets the balance of each fee collected. We decided that this might be a good program to get involved with but that we did not want to be the ones collecting the fees or registrations and we do not need to keep any of the fees being collected. The Director will get back in touch to see if we can establish the program in that way. The Director will report back at our next meeting.

3. Preliminary plans for Andover Township Day, May 30th - Liaison Tom Walsh gave the members some information on what some ideas are being talked about by the Fire Department in regards to their participation with the day. The Fire Department is thinking about holding a chicken bar-b-que that day which we all thought would be a great idea.

Also, they might be interested in hosting a beer tent that they would handle all the permits and licenses for. You would only be permitted enjoy the beer in the tent and not walking around the grounds which appealed to everyone. There is security on hand to make sure that no one leaves the tent with the beer so it should be kept under control. It could be quite a fund raiser also since we should have a tremendous turn out with the addition of the fire works show that evening. We will also have our usual fun things for the kids and we have plans to improve the parade. We will be starting the day later than usual. We will begin the parade at 2 pm and the opening ceremony at 3 pm with the fire works at 7:30 or 8 pm obviously depending on the sunset. Of course we will expand on these plans as each meeting takes place.

4. Any discussion brought before the Committee by members: Helene Reczka and Mike Morel were representing Highlands Soccer and they asked if Highlands could use the fields earlier than the April 15th date that has been the policy in the last couple of years. Liaison Tom Walsh reminded the members that the ordinance governing the field use was amended to allow this decision to be left to the discretion of our Road Department Supervisor, Darren Dickinson as to when the fields can be used based on his inspection. If the weather cooperates in the spring and the fields are in good shape and not too wet then it could be possible that they would be available at an earlier date. The Highlands as well as the Andover Soccer Clubs need to contact Darren with their requests. Also a brief discussion took place re who has the key and control of the small storage shed at the Goodale Road Field. It was determined that the Highland Soccer Club purchased the shed and placed it at the field. Now it seems that the Andover Girls Softball program is also using it and now this needs to be straightened out. Perhaps both programs will work out a dual use agreement. The township does not hold any authority over the use of this shed.

Ed Burgio reported that he received a call from someone who witnessed that people were using ice skates and skating on the rink recently. He hurried over to the park and put a lock on the gate to keep it closed so that no one else would be using the rink for ice skating, obviously causing damage to the newly refinished surface to be used for roller blades only! Darren Dickinson put a township lock on the gate and a sign warning people about attempting to use it for ice skating. Ed reported that there didn't look like any damage occurred, but it will be looked at more closely when all of the snow and ice is gone. We also briefly discussed that in the 2009 budget we will have to make sure that the proposal for the lining of the parking lot at the park be included. It is imperative that the parking lots, both lower and upper be lined to make the most of the space available. Liaison Walsh will look into this item.

At this time, the members voted to once again support Mike Morel as the representative from the Recreation Committee to serve on the Open Space Committee. All members voted unanimously that Mike continue in this capacity.

Mike Morel reported that the closing on the lot on Limecrest Road acquired through the Open Space Fund has still not taken place. There seems to be some minor issues to be cleared up and he anticipates that it will close sometime in February or March.

We will check to see if Darren Dickinson has gotten any feed back from the township insurance as to what type of rails will be needed on the dock that we will be constructing on this lot on Lake Iliff.

We are hopeful that the spring/summer township newsletter will be mailed out at the end of March or beginning of April to make sure we get all of our activities out there. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 7:30 pm at town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Helene Reczka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. It was seconded by Patti Clark. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairperson

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary

