

MARCH 10, 2009
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

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

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from February 10, 2009 was tabled until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Janet Bardello, Wendy Eehalt,
Kyle Nixon, Chris Schnurr, Victoria
Burgio, Victoria Conn, Jimmy Eehalt,
Erin Smith, Meghan Kilborn | Letters sent to 2008 summer
program workers for 2009
summer program |
| 2. | NJ Herald and Township Journal | Request for advertising
Easter Egg Hunt |

At this time we reviewed Correspondence Sent and Received. Info on upcoming activities was advertised through a school newsletter, NJ Herald and letters sent to prior participants. The US Sports company that runs our sports camps sent an email re a child endangerment story that appeared in print and erroneously stated that the person was employed by US Sports. A retraction was printed and US Sports wanted all their clients to be aware of this error. The Mad Science program that will be a part of the activities during the summer recreation program seemed very interesting and should be an enjoyable extra for the kids to enjoy. We are looking for them to come in on the first day of the program on Monday, June 22nd. We are still trying to figure out one more entertainment type of activity for the kids.

At this time, Mike Morel made a motion to file Correspondence Sent/Received. Dick Lagg seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on spring programs/events: The Sussex County YMCA is sponsoring programs held at our newly renovated Hillside House. We are also offering open scrapbooking with our rec member, Jodi Halteman running that class. Also, we will have an evening Yoga class run by township resident, Darlene Cooper

The YMCA classes are Gentle Yoga suitable for seniors 9:30 - 10:15 am; Adult Yoga 10:15-11:00 am and Music and Movement (children, walking - 2 yrs and parents) 11:05- 11:35 am. They all take place on Wednesdays. The evening yoga is on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:15 pm and the scrapbooking is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings from 7-10 pm. We will also offer a sewing studio beginning in May to run for 6 weeks on Thursday evenings from 6:30-830 pm. Hopefully if the sewing studio is well received Denise Missal will offer other sewing classes in the fall and winter. Even if the Y programs are not well received we will look to run additional programs in the future since we are not really satisfied that the word got out to the residents in sufficient amount of time. We might need to be patient until they begin to take off.

With plans to cancel Andover Township Day seemingly set in stone, we can look at our meeting dates formerly scheduled to assist with planning of that date. We decided that we no longer need all the meetings which were falling prior to May 30th. So with all of this in mind, we will cancel meetings no longer needed and plan for the rest of the year. We will amend our meeting resolution. The Director will have that amended resolution in the next meeting's packet. Our next meeting will be March 31st to coincide with the Easter Egg Hunt. The Director reported that the Girl Scouts have contacted her and they will once again fill the eggs. We did discuss briefly who will be our Easter Bunny this year since Barbara Niedzinski is no longer a member. Ed Burgio suggested that either his daughter's boy friend or his daughter would be available to be our bunny. They both need hours for community service for their high school requirements. Ed will be in touch with the Director to make arrangements for the suit and whatever else we need.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cancellation of Andover Township Day - Finalize dates for annual contests. Everyone voiced their disappointment over the Township Committee's decision not to fund our bi-annual celebration. The budget is being pared down and the town day is considered non-essential. Also, the timing of the event doesn't help the situation. Right now, in early spring they are working on getting an acceptable budget together. With May 30th right around the corner, that does not leave us much time to work all the financial details out in time. It is possible that later in the year, if money should become available, we might be able to hold some sort of celebration. The problem with that is holding dates open for the town's use in the fall season. We hate to hold them and then not have them rented. So we will probably just see what is available should funding become available later in the year.

The Director asked everyone to brain storm on a date that would be appropriate to hold our annual contests that would have normally been a part of the township day's festivities. After some discussion, we decided on Sunday, June 7th for the Little Ms/Mr and Ms Andover Twp. and the Talent Search.

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2. Discussion re damage at rink and opening dates for rink, bathrooms, fields, etc.: Ed Burgio and Mike Morel checked out the damage and members had copies of photos showing the damage on the surface of the rink. It is actually peeling through the substructure. The Director will call Superior Surfacing because it is still under warranty. The rink has been locked since December and is still locked so the damage is not from improper use. We have residents calling to see when it will be unlocked and ready for use. Unfortunately kids have been climbing the fence which is not a good thing. Ed Burgio asked our Police Chief to have the officers keep their eye on the rink to monitor the kids climbing over. Our road supervisor, Darren Dickinson will have signs made stating that the facility is closed. We are talking about the rink and the restrooms. We are looking at closing the facilities from December 1st through March 1st. Of course, if we have an early winter or late winter, we would have to amend those dates to reflect the weather conditions. Of course, dates for field use is governed by township ordinance with road supervisor, Darren Dickinson having the authority to delay or move up the date from April 15th, weather permitting.

3. Any discussion brought before the committee by members present: Mike Morel brought up the lining of the parking lot at Hillside Park. Even though we are getting the message that funding is at a minimum, the cost of this much needed project would be covered under the ordinance that gave us the money for all the improvements at the park. Having the lots lined would give us much needed additional spaces and help keep the chaos at a minimum when people are trying to get in and out and parking all over the place. We will push for this project to happen this spring.

1. March 20th - Andover Ed. Fdt. - Wine & Cheese Tasting - Fee - \$100.00
2. May 3rd - Murrell - Baby Shower - Employee - Fee - \$100.00 (ATPD)
3. May 7th - Hamburg School - Picnic only - no fee
4. May 9th - Lloyd - First Communion - Fee - \$300.00
5. May 16th - Newton Braves Ice Hockey Casino Night Fund Raiser - Fee - \$100.00
6. May 21st/22nd (rain dates - 28/29th) - Tiny Town Pre School - Picnic Only
4. May 24th - KRHS Reunion Picnic - Fee - \$350.00
5. June 1st - Redeemer Preschool - Picnic only - no fee
6. June 20th - Zajkowski - Birthday Party - Fee - \$300.00

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7. July 10th, 11th 12th - Arvary - Wedding (prior day and day after - Fee - \$600.00
8. July 25th - Andover Twp. PD - Retirement Party - Fee - \$100.00 plus \$50.00 for prior day
9. November 6th & 7th - Mara/Simpson Wedding - Fee - \$100.00 plus \$50.00 for prior day (employee - Road Dept.)

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary