

JUNE 9, 2009
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Vice Chair Ed Burgio with the following members present: Mike Morel, Brian Robinson, Janet Bardello and Helene Reczka joined the meeting in progress. Dick Lagg, Patti Clark and Jodi Halteman were absent.

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

MINUTES: Mike Morel made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of minutes from March 10, 2009. Brian Robinson seconded the motion, all in favor. Mike Morel made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2009. Brian Robinson seconded the motion, all in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The meeting was opened to the public and as there was no public present the meeting was closed to the public. If a representative from the public should join the meeting in progress they will be given an opportunity to speak if requested.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

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| 1. | Aerobics Participants/Instructor | Letter/Memo re summer aerobics program and registration |
| 2. | All summer rec personnel | Letter and voucher for summer program |
| 3. | Mr. Clymer/students | Copy of newsletter re summer program, contests aerobics, sports camp |

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Jack's Petting Farm, Inc. | Letter re Andover Township Day (We asked for and received a proposal back in February and when the decision was made to cancel the day I faxed a note which Jack says he never received. We never went any further with his proposal - no requisition, purchase order and actually I was going to have to tell him in advance how many hours we wanted and of course none of that happened....he just showed up!) |
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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Cont.

2. Any Excuse for a Party

Flyer re Movie Night

At this time we reviewed Correspondence Sent. The Director mentioned that the response for the summer aerobics program is very good. We are almost closed out. We have all of the paperwork, letters and vouchers for summer recreation workers on file to be processed. The registrations for the summer recreation program are coming in slowly but in past years this is exactly what happens and then at the last minute we get swamped. We do know that a lot of residents think the program has not been funded so that could be complicating the situation. We just have to be positive and wait until the last minute to get our final numbers. The Director will send another notice through the area schools for a final call, last chance sign up.

At this time we discussed the letter from Jack's Petting Farm. The situation is that the Director contacted the gentleman in February of this year to see if he would be available to come to Andover Township Day which was to have been held on May 30th. As we all know, the celebration was cancelled. The Director did receive his proposal which included costs for different amounts of time that he would be available for on that date. We were to choose the time slot and then send him the signed proposal and purchase order to lock it in. The Director contacted Jack's Petting Farm by phone that the date was cancelled. Unfortunately, he claims he did not receive that info and wound up coming to the park on May 30th to find no one there. The Director spoke to him directly and brought up the fact that he never received any instructions from the town on the time he would be slotted for or a purchase order to sign off on so how did he think he would be paid? His answer to that is that he doesn't pay attention to that type of thing.

This business had been to our town day celebrations several times in the past and he also works for other municipalities so he is definitely aware that he would have had to receive a purchase order in advance to get paid for that day. He was angry because he felt he could have booked another job but unfortunately there is nothing that the town can do about this. Obviously we won't be having Jack's Petting Farm at future town celebrations.

We all thought the flyer from Any Excuse for a Party which included info on huge movie screens was interesting. We will make a decision at the next meeting as to what screen we will order for our movie/fun night in September.

At this time, Mike Morel made a motion to file all correspondence. Janet Bardello seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Little Ms. /Mr. and Ms. Andover Twp. Contests/Crowning: We had a very nice contest for the little ones. We had a special needs little girl as one of the contestants and everyone was so gracious and appreciative of her participation.

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The newly crowned Little Ms. And Mr. Andover Township is Ashlyn Battista and Ryan Smith and Miss Andover Township is Leanna Grotyohann. The cost of the contests were kept to a minimum due to contributions and smart shopping and wound up at a total of \$153.48. The Director sent the info on the 2009 winners to Ms. Stafford for the fair.

2. Update on skating rink repair; stripping of parking areas at park: We are still waiting for the repair work to begin. Ed Burgio has been contacting Superior Surfacing and they haven't given us a date yet. They have ordered the material and should have it by now. The weather has to be cooperating also and we have still been experiencing very cool temperatures at night. We will continue to call them to make sure we are on the top of their list and they are due to work in Newton on their rink so we are hopeful that they will be at our site soon. We discussed opening the rink up for use since it is taking so much longer than expected to have this repair done. Having kids playing basketball or skating and hockey can't really make the situation any worse so we have decided to open the rink for use.

Mike Morel brought up an idea of how we could possibly get more area for parking in the lower lot. He suggested that we remove some trees and brush on the outside part of the lot by the recycling bin and by opening it up it should give us more room. We could possibly combine the recycling and garbage in the same area. We can look into this with Darren Dickerson and Jim Sullivan, our Park Maintenance Man and Robyn Hattersley our Recycling Coordinator to see if they think this would be feasible. Of course we need to have the old basketball court dismantled and that will also increase parking spaces.

3. Field Use by Newton HS Soccer (for season and pre-season as per Mike Morel) - First off we discussed the boys' soccer team using Goodale field for a pre-season clinic the first week in August from 5:30-8 pm. Just as long as they keep off the main field and only use the practice field and any other area near it for drills they will be fine. As far as using the Goodale field for the regular season, we have sent a letter to their athletic director explaining that we can only allow use of the practice field for practices and the game field for games only. The athletic director has complained that he needs access to the entire field area and cannot be limited to just practice field due to the number of players he has to take care of. It is all or nothing. We all agreed that we can appreciate his concerns but we have our concerns which include keeping our main playing field in good condition since it has had a great deal of money spent on its refurbishing. We don't want to look back after this year of use and regret that we allowed this to happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Finalize plans for the Summer Recreation Program and review of remainder of 2009 activities: We covered the Summer Recreation Program earlier in the meeting. The activities for the remainder of 2009 are: 9/12 – Family Picnic/Movie/Music in the Park;

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9/20 – Senior Luncheon; 11/13 – Teen Dance; 12/5 – NYC Bus Trip; 12/6 – Children’s Holiday Party; 12/11 – Township Adult Holiday Party. We will fine tune each activity as we draw closer to each date.

2. Any discussion brought to the floor by members: There were no further topics of discussion brought forth by members present.

Due to conflicts with vacation schedules, the next meeting will be moved from July 14th to July 21st. The Director will take care of legal notices re this change in meeting date.

APPLICATIONS:

1. June 11th - Andover Regional School District 8th Grade Graduation Dance - No Fee
2. June 20th - Geffken - Hillside House - Bridal Shower - Fee - \$150.00
3. June 21st - Aragona - Party Fund Raiser - Fee - \$100.00
4. July 22nd - Meals on Wheels - Senior Picnic - Fee - \$100.00
5. July 26th - Kittatinny HS Reunion - Fee - \$350.00
6. August 2nd - Newton Swim Team Banquet - Fee - \$100.00
7. Oct. 30th - Sussex Cty. Republican Com. - Beefsteak - Fee - \$350.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Janet Bardello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairperson

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary