

FEBRUARY 10, 2009
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Chairperson Ed Burgio with the following members present: Jodi Halteman, Patti Clark, Dick Lagg, Brian Robinson and Janet Bardello. Helene Reczka and Mike Morel were absent.

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

MINUTES: Jodi Halteman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009. Dick Lagg seconded the motion, all in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Andover Township Detective, Eric Danielson was in attendance to give a report on the dugouts that the FOP is planning on building at the Hillside Park Ball Fields. There will be 2 dugouts for 2 fields - They are working on getting materials donated with the balance of funds to come from the FOP - At this time the installation plans are to be determined - They will keep it simple - Similar to Andover Borough and Byram's CO Johnson field dugouts - masonry block with sheeting for roofs - they will be open so as not to present a secluded area that could invite unsavory behavior. It is felt that the dug outs can be incorporated into the existing fencing with possible extension.

Also, Recreation Chairman, Ed Burgio has given Eric the contact information for Boy Scout Leader, Robert Gerdes. Mr. Gerdes contacted Ed asking if there were any potential projects in the township that 2 of his young men could use for their Eagle Scout Project - So at this time it seems that the dugout project might be perfect for them. Everyone was quite pleased with this news. Eric expects this project to go along smoothly especially now that he has the knowledge that the Eagle Scout contenders are interested in the project. He will keep us informed and will have to work with our Road Department personnel also. He is pleased that the Recreation Committee is supportive of this project. The members thanked Detective Danielson for coming tonight. At this time the meeting was closed to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

1. NJHerald & Daily Record & Star Ledger 2009 Meeting Resolution

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Celine Martin - US Sports Email and info re tennis and summer programs 2009
2. Joe Golden, Twp. Engineer Email re Bikeway Grant

3. Bill Ceddia Info and proposal for juggling entertainment for Andover Twp. Day

We reviewed Correspondence Sent and Received. We received the info from US Sports for this summer's programs. We did ask them if they had a basketball program and they don't. The Bikeway Grant application information provided by Township Engineer, Joe Golden was discussed. He will keep us aware of the status.

We thought that the juggler, Bill Ceddia might be a fun activity to add to Andover Township Day. We all talked about the activities we are interested in having because we don't want to go overboard. We need to make sure that one activity doesn't run into another because we want to get the most out of each thing. We want to have the Titanic Slide; a smaller bounce house appropriate for 5 years of age and younger; petting zoo; pony rides; Nascar race track; Rizzo's Reptile show; Zak magic walk around with balloon animals then the live music with at least 2 bands; also activities sponsored by the scouts and athletic groups. We all felt that was a good amount of activities. We need to plan things to cover 3 to 7 pm because of the fireworks beginning around 8 pm. We have to make sure that we can conclude everything in a timely manner in order to get everything set for the fireworks. Perhaps we might consider adding the juggling act for the summer program.

At this time, Dick Lagg made a motion to file all Correspondence. Brian Robinson seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on activities planned for 2009: The Director will be putting together a flyer to be distributed through the schools advertising the new programs taking place in the Hillside House. We will be promoting the following: Spring Aerobics - 3/4 - 6/17 - 2 classes, 6 pm and 7:15 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for a total of 45 classes. Also, the YMCA programs will include a yoga or exercise class; senior exercise and a music and movement class for parents and children up to 2 yrs of age. They will take place on Wednesday's in the am hours. We will also have an evening yoga class on Tuesday evenings. We are going to plan a sewing class in the late spring and Jodi Halteman is putting together a scrapbooking class that will take place on Wednesday evenings. Also we will advertise the Easter Egg Hunt for April 4th. Also we will advertise our first planning meeting for Andover Township Day which will be our meeting on March 10th at 7 pm with our regular meeting to follow.

The date for the annual contests is going to be June 7th. The summer program begins June 22nd and it will run Monday-Thursday for 2 weeks ending on July 2nd from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. We will host the Senior Luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 21st. Then we will have the Teen Dance on November 13th and the NYC bus trip on Saturday, December 5th with the children's holiday party the next day on the 6th of December. We end the year with the township adult holiday party on Friday, December 11th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Detective Danielson's Dugout Proposal: This was covered earlier this evening.
2. Easter Egg Hunt: We will have 2 more meetings before this event so we will fine tune that activity next month.

Our next meeting is March 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm. We will begin with Andover Township Day plans and then go into our regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Brian Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. It was seconded by Dick Lagg. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairperson

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary