

MARCH 9, 2010
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ed Burgio with the following members present: Mike Morel, Brian Robinson, Helene Reczka, Jodi Halteman, Patti Clark, Dick Lagg and Janet Bardello were absent.

Prior to this meeting, we had a short Andover Township Day planning meeting. We had a meeting with the Garden States Firework representative and he was very pleased with our park and where we plan to hold the display. He felt we had plenty of room to safely conduct the display and actually the display will be visible from anywhere in the park. People would not need to be right up close. They will come back to the field one more time to walk through it and then come earlier in the day on May 22nd to get them ready. Now we just need to get the money to pay for the fireworks.

We discussed a donation/form letter that will be distributed to the merchants, businesses and professionals at the upcoming Economic Development Brunch at Perona Farms. We will be looking for levels of donations for the fireworks - \$1,000.00 is platinum; \$500.00 is gold; \$300.00 is silver and \$100.00 is bronze. The Boy Scout Crew which is made up of teenage boys who would be able to offer assistance with parking which is one of the problems we will be faced with that day. The Boy Scouts will also offer a rope bridge, zip line, cotton candy and pop corn. Cub Scouts will do snow cones and spin art. We might be getting Bagel Bistro to do Funnel Cakes and the Recreation Committee will cover ice cream. We will be meeting with the representative from Garden State Fireworks on this coming Friday, March 12th at Hillside Park to go over the fireworks display for that day. We will report back to the Recreation Committee at our next meeting. All in all, the plans for May 22nd are really falling into place. We just need the money!

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

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from February 9, 2010 was tabled until the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Deputy Mayor Phoebus and Chair from the Economic Development Committee, Rick Melfi was in attendance. Rick Melfi asked to discuss how the Recreation Committee and the Economic Development Committee can work together in trying to bring in some money for the township by trying to rent either the Hillside House or the bottom level of the barn out to businesses so that we can once again bring in a monthly income from the property as we had when SCARC was using the lower level of the Hillside Barn.

The Director reported that she did discuss this with the Jim Cutler, Zoning Officer to see if we would have to go through any process to make the buildings rentable. He did say that we would most likely have to get a variance for change of use. Then the

Question came up about how restrictive the Green Acres umbrella over these properties would mean to any type of development. We also have to deal with the water issue that came to our attention when we began looking into possibly renting the lower level of the barn for a nursery/day care center. Discussion continued as to which building would be more suitable for a nursery/day care center. The lower level of the barn is more spacious with some smaller rooms partitioned off which works for nap areas, separating children of different ages. There was a former issue with that space with mold but that was taken care of.

The main thing we need to look into is legally what can be developed and where. Deputy Phoebus said she has already worked with the township Tax Assessor and now maybe we need to get our township attorney to continue research. We still feel that there is interest in the lower level of the barn for a day care center; we just need to take care of

the water, clean the space up and see if we can get interest in the space once again. Rick Melfi suggested that Senior Day Care is also an up and coming business that would be appropriate in the Hillside House. The location would be perfect for that use. Perhaps we could join with the Sussex County YMCA for a Senior Day Care program. Deputy Mayor Phoebus said she would visit the Senior Day Care in Newton to see how they work and if they are interested in expanding to another location. If that were to work out we would be able to move Recreation Committee activities to the lower level of the barn so we would not lose out on that space. At this time, Deputy Mayor Phoebus and Rick Melfi left the meeting. The meeting was closed to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Macroni the Clown, KO, Inc,
All-American Amusement,
Sweeter Than Honey, Graden State
Fireworks | Correspondence re Andover Twp.
Day |
| 2. | Andover Regional Schools | Copy of spring newsletter
advertising spring programs |
| 3. | Past Aerobics Participants | Letter and form |
| 4. | Debbie Danielson, ATFD | Possible town-wide garage sale |
| 5. | Township Clerk | Resolution re fee schedule |

We talked about possibly hosting a town-wide garage sale this spring. We really consumed with making the plans and working towards a successful Andover Township Day and the consensus is that we would be stretching ourselves too thin and would wind up not giving our best for either event. Perhaps next year we can join with Lake Lenape when they hold their annual garage sale in June. This we can discuss at a future meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joint Meeting with Open Space Committee on Tuesday, March 23rd: We will meet with the Open Space Committee to make sure we are all on the same page when it comes to upcoming projects, potential acquisitions, etc. We will meet with the Open Space on March 23rd and when our joint meeting concludes, we can move to the 2nd floor conference room to do any further work for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th.
2. Finalize Plans for Easter Egg Hunt – We will make our goodie bags more generic this year so that we don't have to separate for age appropriateness. It will be easier and less expensive that way. We will wrap up the plans for that day at our next meeting.
3. Discussion with Christine DeVenezia re possible membership: She was unable to attend the meeting since her husband's employment has included a lot of traveling lately. The Director will talk to her to see whether she will be able to attend meetings and activities as is expected by members. Perhaps this will be too much for her to coordinate based on her husband's availability to help with the children.
4. Discussion regarding use of the lower level of the barn: This was covered earlier during discussion in Open to the Public.
5. Any discussion brought before the committee by members present: We briefly discussed what had earlier been touched upon during the Andover Township Day planning meeting in regards to parking and traffic and transportation. This is a first for us and we will have to proceed with caution and communication has to be number 1. We will all pitch in and we should be able to handle what comes up and we will have to be flexible. Offering transportation might just be another level of responsibility that we really don't need to get involved with. People live in the country and they need to be agreeable to walking a country road to the park for the fireworks. People should not be complaining about that and if they do that's their problem.

APPLICATIONS:

1. March 12th – Ziegler for Sheriff – Fundraiser – Fee - \$100.00 (non-profit, in town)
2. March 21st – Cub Scouts – Byram – Banquet – Fee - \$350.00

3. March 26th – Sussex County Women’s Forum – Fundraiser – Fee – 100.00
4. June 12th – Presto – Party – Fee - \$300.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary