

MARCH 23, 2010
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The joint meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee and the Andover Township Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Committee commenced with Chairperson of the Open Space Committee, Carla Kostelnik reading the opening statement and roll call for her committee.

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Ed Burgio with the following members present: Helene Reckon, Jodi Halteman, and Brian Robinson. Mike Morel, Patti Clark, Dick Lagg and Janet Bardello were absent.

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

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

At this time the joint meeting began. Ms. Kostelnik began by asking the Recreation Committee members what we had in mind with developing the Lake Iliff acquisition. The Director shared the brochures on the floating dock that have been reviewed in the past year. It is a composite material dock for ease of maintenance and our Road Department personnel felt they could install this. The size of the dock is still in question. We are keeping in mind that we do not want to disturb the area in a great way. We really only expect to have 5 or 6 parking spaces available so we don't anticipate large amounts of people using this area at any one time. They will have to improve a parking area right off of Limecrest Road. People can come there to put a canoe or kayak into the lake or fish from the dock. There is a metal material type of boat or vessel or perhaps a dock that is immersed there that needs to be removed. Sandi Urgo from the Land Conservancy was in attendance and she reported to the members that she was told by area residents that it was an old dock that had floated down from the old German Camp many, many years ago. Whatever its origin, it needs to be removed.

Discussion continued on the makeup of the new dock. Township Committeeman, Mike Lensak was also in attendance and after reviewing the dock material he estimated that the cost for this dock would be around \$6,000.00.

At this time, Carla asked Sandi Urgo if we are able to use the Open Space funds to enhance this property and she answered that if our ordinance is written properly we should not have a problem. She would like to review the ordinance once again to be certain but felt we would most likely be able to go forward with our plan. After reviewing the budget status for the Open Space line item we determined that we have

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approximately \$131,000.00 to work with. Diane Gillespie asked if we could get a definite cost for the dock before we went any further. It was explained that nothing can be purchased or used without all of the details laid out for everyone to see and agree with. Carla also mentioned that the proposed trail is also in the plans and would need funding from this line item. Both Chairs – Ed Burgio from Recreation and Carla Kostelnik from Open Space promised to work together and keep each other up to date on any plans that might be in the works so there are no surprises. Each Chair will then report back to their respective committees so we are all aware of what is happening.

At this time, Sandi Urgo recommended that if we wanted some input regarding docks and fishing, we could contact the Knee Deep Club in Hopatcong. The man to speak with is Tim Clancy. Next Sandi Urgo discussed developing a boardwalk in lieu of the dock. A boardwalk would run along the side of the lake and people could fish off of that and it would also be appropriate to launch small type boats like a canoe or kayak. It would most likely be less money also. Serious kayakers and canoers will just walk into the water to launch their boats. Ed Burgio will spend some time looking into these issues.

Next we briefly discussed the proposed trail. Ed Burgio reported that we are doing everything we can to spend less money on the trail as far as cleaning the area up. Mike Morel will donate use of his machinery and the Boy Scouts will also help. We need to spend \$15,000 of township money before we get the money from the state. Carla Kostelnik suggested that we might be able to use some funding from the Open Space Fund in the development of the trail.

At this time plans for Andover Township Day were discussed. There will be time during the Opening Ceremonies to make mention of any news or information that can be given to the public regarding programs that we have been working on. Also we will have township information tables set up where each township committee or board can display information about their respective boards for the residents to learn something about the work we all do. A brief run down on the day's activities including the fireworks display was given and how we have been successful in receiving donations from the merchants, businesses and professionals to date. We are hopeful that the entire day's activities will be funded by donation.

At this time, the joint meeting of the 2 committees was adjourned. The members of the Recreation Committee moved to the conference room to finalize plans for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 27th.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED:

1. Andover Twp. Merchants, businesses and professionals

Letter and info sheet on Andover Twp. Day activities given out at Economic Development Breakfast at Perona Farms 3/15; also letter activities sheet of what has been donated and by whom to date

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CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED, Cont.:

2. All American Amusements Contract, Certificate of Insurance
3. Garden State Fireworks Letter and contract

We reviewed the letter seeking donations for Andover Township Day that was distributed at the Economic Development Breakfast a couple of weeks ago. We are already getting a great response. The breakfast was a huge success drawing the largest number of people for an event like this at Perona Farms to date. We are well on our way to having the day's activities covered and our goal to offer the day at no expense to tax payers is within reach.

We reviewed the contract for inflatable's and games from All American Amusements & Mickey's Rides. Their insurance paperwork meets all requirements and they will staff the amusements and will need minimal help from us. The Garden State Fireworks paperwork is also all in order. We reviewed our meeting with the representative from Garden State and we all agreed that they were very professional and we all felt encouraged after the meeting. They felt our site was perfect and they assured us that we would be getting an intimate, family-style fireworks display that will run for approximately 17 minutes and it will be continuous including ground displays as well as the usual fireworks.

We will coordinate the site with police and fire and rescue personnel and they assured us that they follow every safety precaution possible. They will come back to the site once before May 22nd and arrive around 1 pm on that day to rope off there are and do preliminary set up. They will be ready to begin, depending upon darkness, at approximately 9 pm.

Brian Robinson made a motion to file all correspondence. Jodi Halteman seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Finalize plans for Easter Egg Hunt: Ashley Frazell, now a college student, has come back to help us once again in filling the eggs. She did it last year while working toward her community service hours for high school. She wanted to give her time once again for the children of Andover Township and we certainly appreciate her efforts. The members are taking care of finishing the goodie bags this evening. We will meet at the park on this Saturday, March 27th, at 11:00 am to hide the eggs and the Easter Egg Hunt goes off at 12 noon sharp.

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2. Review Plans for Andover Township Day: This was covered under discussions during review of Correspondence Sent/Received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Joint Meeting with Open Space: We all agreed that it was very beneficial to get to sit down with another committee that has similar responsibilities as our committee. We seem to be on the same page as far as developing the newly acquired property and we were happy to hear that they would not have a problem in offering funding through the Open Space Tax Fund for the trail that is currently in the planning stages. Sometimes these projects take so long from inception to completion that you lose prospective but in the end we are all trying to offer our residents opportunities to enjoy what Andover Township has to offer in the way of recreation and leisure activities. Our Chair, Ed Burgio will keep us up to date on any new business being discussed at the Open Space meetings so we can be assured that we are aware of all the issues both committees will be dealing with.
2. Any discussions brought before the Committee by members present: No one had additional topics to discuss at this time.

APPLICATIONS:

1. March 28th – Franciosi – Birthday party – Fee - \$300.00
2. April 9th – Pope John HS – Banquet – Fee - \$100.00
3. April 24th – Bagel Bistro/Elig – Birthday Party – Fee - \$400.00
4. Aug. 14th – Newton HS Reunion – Fee - \$100.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Helene Reczka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairperson

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary