

OCTOBER 26, 2010
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Ed Burgio, with the following members present Mike Morel and Brian Robinson. Jodi Halteman and Janet Bardello were absent.

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

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting was made with a motion by Mike Morel. Brian Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Burgio opened the meeting to the public. No public present. Meeting was closed to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT /RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Mrs. Gregori | Letter re Teen Dance |
| 2. | Scott Both | Letter/Agreement for DJ Teen Dance |
| 3. | US Sports | Copy of proposed programs that can be offered next summer |
| 4. | NJHerald/Township Journal | Copy of notices for Halloween Parade |

At this time we reviewed all correspondence. The Director informed the members that Mrs. Gregori had already taken care of the fee for the DJ for the Nov. 12th Teen Dance. We certainly appreciate her continued generosity. Our DJ, Scott Both has confirmed he will be there for us. The Director shared what she learned from her meeting with a representative from the US Sports Institute. They will offer the usual programs – Multi-Sports during the day for 6-14 year olds and the shorter Sports Squirts program later in the day at 4:30 pm. Also the Tennis clinic will be offered in late afternoon.

A new program that they had great success with last year in other towns is the Beginners Golf program. When the Director told the rep from US Sports that we really couldn't have golf since we do not want to be tearing up our grass she explained that they use a different kind of club with a larger head and a larger ball. This allows the kids to strike the ball more easily, consistently and increase their confidence and enjoyment of the game of golf. The members present thought it was a good idea to introduce another sport and we could designate an area of the park on the edges of the fields so that there would be no problem with the kids digging up any grass. We are interested in this program and it is geared to 5-11 year olds.

We reviewed the advertisement notices for the upcoming Halloween Costume Parade. They were printed in the New Jersey Sunday Herald and the Township Journal. The Director has the information on the parade on the township sign as well as in a flyer to be sent through the schools this week.

At this time, Brian Robinson made a motion to file all correspondence. Mike Morel seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Charity Softball Tournament – It was a total success. Eight teams played in a round-robin type of tournament. Each team had a charity they were playing for. It started at 10 am and didn't end until almost dark. The first place team was the Lake Lenape Lodge team playing for the Teresa Hammler Memorial Scholarship Fund. They received \$1,120.12. The second place team was Dorset Farms and they were playing for the Lakeland Emergency Squad. They received \$320.04 plus Dorset Farms matched the amount bring the total to \$640.08. The third place team was the T&S (township official's team) playing for the Bodhi Monastery Food Pantry. They received \$160.02 plus Mayor Walsh and Committeeman Lensak turned over their reimbursement checks for supplies for the tournament to the food pantry bringing their total to \$299.84. All in all the day was great for the community. One item to make sure we provide a safe playing area next year would be to remove the spikes from the horse shoe pits. We had a couple of close calls.

2. Review of Senior Luncheon: Everyone agreed it was a great success. The food was very well accepted. We packed up the leftovers for people to take home. Mike and Ed did the packing and it went very smoothly with everyone sharing in the leftovers fairly. We were very disappointed that the Newton High School Touring Chorus was not present to entertain our seniors. The Music Director went from saying they would be there to informing the Director that he could not get a group together on a Sunday. Chairman Burgio said he could have gotten the woman's choir from Pope John to come so we will definitely arrange for that for next year. No one seemed to miss the entertainment and it seemed like they spent an enjoyable afternoon eating and chatting. The menu was great and Ed Burgio reported that when he spoke with Jim at Farmstead he told him that we could use more scalloped potatoes since they are such a favorite of everyone. Mike Morel reported that one of the ladies questioned him as to why the Recreation Committee provides the luncheon for the seniors and Mike answered that it's what we do for the seniors in town as we try to offer activities for all the age groups including our seniors. The answer was well received. Next year we are hopeful that we will have 3 new members who will be able to add to our menu of dishes.

3. Update on the following: Plans for Halloween Costume Parade, 10/31; Teen Dance, 11/12; NYC bus Trip, 12/4; Children's Holiday Party, 12/5; Adult Holiday Party, 12/10; We are filling the children's goodie bags for the upcoming Halloween Costume Parade while we are conducting our meeting tonight. We will have limited snacks for the kids since they will be going from the party straight to trick or treating and they certainly do not need more sweets. So we will offer the children juice and water and the parents coffee and tea. Raymond Griffiths who entertained during the summer program will be on hand to be our MC and lead the children in the costume parade. The activity begins at 2 pm and we will arrive at the building around noon to begin decorating and setting up.

This year instead of trophies for the costume parade winners we have medals. Also we have certificates for each child commending them on their costumes so no child will walk off the floor without receiving acknowledgement. Jodi and Jackie are working on the certificates and will have them ready in time. Also we have the trick or treat bags to be handed to each child. They were purchased through the Clean Communities Grant. Chairman Burgio will check with his daughter Tori to see if she will be able to come and help along with a couple of her friends. He also reported that Casey Gallagher who helped at the Senior Luncheon would also like to come and help. We will send a thank you note to thank Casey for her help.

The next activity is the annual Teen Dance which will take place on Friday, November 12th. Instead of the mini pizzas we thought we would offer mozzarella sticks for the kids. Of course we will have cookies, brownies and soda and water for the kids. The Director will contact the ATPD to ask for Police presence sometime during the evening like in past years. We need chaperones and at our next meeting we will get a head count on who will be available for that evening. The student council will decide which charity they will be supporting at the dance. The Director will get the permission slips to the school in time to be distributed. We are hoping that Helene Reczka will assist with this.

For the Bus Trip on December 4th, we still have seats available but they are going fast. We will definitely have 2 buses going and Jackie and Janet will supervise one bus and Ed and Jodi the other. We leave from the FMB parking lot at 8 am and leave NYC at 6 pm for the ride home.

The next day is the annual kid's Holiday Party on December 5th. We will have our usual program of the school's chorus performing from 1:30 to 2 pm and then Santa arrives at 2 and meets with each child. Santa has been contacted and he will be on hand and Mrs. DeGroat, music director at LPS has also been contacted. We will have our usual cupcakes, juice, water for kids and coffee and tea for parents. We will have a little gift for each child along with the candy canes.

At this time, whether to hold the adult Holiday Party or not has been a question going around and around. The date has been reserved at the barn on Friday, Dec. 10th so if we need it is available. We should know within the next week or so if the party is on or off.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Finalize plans for Halloween Parade – 10/31 at 2 pm. This was covered under Old Business.
2. Any business brought forward by members: The Director brought to the attention of the members that we had a recent rental at the barn that did not handle the use of the building properly. Unfortunately it was the SCPBA. They left cups of beer in the parking lot, left food in the building, left garbage in the building and a truck, most likely the caterer, pulled to close to the building and pulled electrical

wires down. This caused the town to have to have our Road Department to respond along with the Police and then we had to get an electrician to come. So they did not get their security deposit returned and after some discussion, the members even suggested that we demand more money to cover the extra expense that the town had to absorb to make things right.

Chair Burgio mentioned how we really do need to fill our open member positions. The Director stated that there is an item in the newsletter regarding our open positions scheduled to go out to every household in the township in the next week or two. Hopefully we will get a response.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Nov. 5th - Weber – Sweet 16 party – Fee
2. Nov. 14th- NHS Touring Choir - Fundraiser– Fee - \$200.00
3. Nov. 19th - NJAL/Youth Football - Fundraiser – Fee - \$200.00
4. Nov. 20th - Newton Hockey Program – Fundraiser – Fee - \$200.00
5. Nov. 21st - NJAL/Youth Football/Cheerleading – Banquet – Fee - \$200.00
6. Nov. 23rd - Sparta Bears – Banquet – Fee - \$450.00
7. Dec. 12th - Williams/Isolatek – Christmas Party – Fee - \$400.00

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2010

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairman

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary