

NOVEMBER 9, 2010  
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Ed Burgio, with the following members present, Mike Morel, Brian Robinson, and Jodi Halteman. Janet Bardello was absent.

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

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2010 meeting was tabled to the next meeting

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one was present. Close to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED:

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| 1. | Mr. Baggs/Andover Regional Superintendent and students | Fax re recreation activities newsletter and newsletter                      |
| 2. | Andover 7th & 8th Grade Students                       | Letter and permission slip for dance  |
| 3. | Chief Taglialatella                                    | Memo re police appearance at dance  |
| 4. | James Holmes   | Letter re Santa   |
| 5. | Linda DeGroat  | Email re school chorus participating With holiday party on 12/6/09          |
| 6. | NJ Herald/Township Journal                             | Emails re advertising NYC Bus Trip  |
| 7. | Sussex County PBA #138                                 | Letter re retaining Security Deposit<br>Fee due to damage from 10/22 rental |

We reviewed all correspondence. The Director dropped off the recreation activities flyer at both schools and the dance permission slip for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades for distribution. Mike Morel confirmed that they did indeed come home with his children. Chief Taglialatella confirmed that he will have officers stopping off at the barn at the beginning during the middle and at the end of the dance. We have confirmations that Santa (Jim Holmes) and the school music director, Mrs. DeGroat are on board for the children's holiday party.

We still have openings on one bus for the NYC bus trip. We did send a letter to the SCPBA informing them that they will not be reimbursed for their security deposit for rental of the barn recently. We understand that we might also be receiving an additional amount of money from the SCPBA to cover the township's additional expenses from the clean up from their rental.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on the Halloween Party: We all agreed that the addition of Raymond as our MC and the music he played and the games he played were absolutely perfect. No one seemed to miss snacks and the juice boxes were sufficient. All in all it went extremely well and the kids had a ball. We might consider doing a Halloween activity next year even though it will not fall on a weekend day.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Space Acquisition Development Plan Procedure: Memo from Mayor Walsh to Township Committee, Open Space and Recreation Committee. Chair Burgio reported to the members that the Open Space Committee has not met since this memo from Mayor Walsh was distributed. The procedure seems to be that the Open Space Committee will need to meet and discuss the plan to make the Lake Iliff acquisition off Limecrest Road a bird sanctuary. If this is the plan set forth by the Open Space Committee, then they need to provide a formal vote of the full committee and send that request to the Recreation Committee.

Upon receipt by the Recreation Committee those members will then take action on this plan and upon acceptance by the Recreation Committee their formal vote will then be forwarded to the Township Committee for final action. Upon approval by the Township Committee, both the Open Space and Recreation Committee will be notified to proceed. If there is any further action to be taken on this project, suggestions are to be made to the Recreation Committee for their advice and decision.

The members present discussed what we would actually want to see this acquisition be developed as. We really do not want to use the term “developed” since the parcel is not suitable for anything but very low impact activities. The idea of a “bird sanctuary” sounds wonderful, but we do not want to limit our options by being too specific in labeling it for one type of use such as the “bird sanctuary”. What is the exact definition of a bird sanctuary? What would our options be for other low impact uses within reason if we do go forward naming it a bird sanctuary?

Chair Burgio mentioned that at an Open Space meeting when this was brought up Diane Gillespie a member of the Open Space Committee said that she feels it would not be that restricting. She is aware of other “Bird Sanctuaries” that allow other uses. Again, within reason, this site will never be an appropriate site for much more than a passive recreation type use such as bird watching, flora and fauna enjoyment, etc.

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All members present were agreeable that this site needs to be handled carefully since it is environmentally sensitive. We want to safe guard the use and if we actually did not have to be as definitive as to actually labeling it for any particular use, we would like to just refer to it as the "Lake Iliff Acquisition" and not further define it as any type of actual use.

2. Finalize Plans for Teen Dance: The Director stated that she purchased the mozzarella sticks and pigs in the blanket from Costco for the dance this coming Friday evening, November 12th. We will offer cookies and brownie bites and we have the majority of soda that we will need so we just need to purchase a small amount as well as water and cups. We took a head count on chaperones and it looks like Jackie, Janet, Mike, Ed, Brian and Jodi will be there. The Director also will have extra rolls of toilet paper on hand for the DJ to hold his usual "Mummy Making Contest". The chaperones will be there from 6:30 on.

3. Finalize Plans for Bus Trip: At this time, we still have seats open on the second bus but the Director is confident that will get them filled. Ed and Jodi will take care of the list of passengers for one bus and Jackie and Janet will take care of the other. We need to be at the school parking lot by 7:30 am to make sure we get everyone on board so we can leave at 8 am promptly on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

4. Finalize Plans for Children's Holiday Party: Everything is set to happen on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Andover Regional Select Chorus on hand under the direction of Mrs. DeGroat. They will sing from 1:30 to 2:00 pm and then Santa arrives on the fire truck at 2:00 pm to visit with each child. We will meet next on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hillside Park Barn to decorate the tree and hold our meeting.

5. Any discussion brought before the Committee by members: The Director mentioned that the budget process for 2011 has begun and of course each department was asked to keep requests at 2010 levels or even lower. We won't be having Andover Township Day in 2011 so that saves. One new activity might be a community rummage sale to be held at the park. This is something we can discuss further at our next couple of meetings.

The Director also informed the members that we have been approached by a group running a local nursery school as to whether the lower level at the barn would be available for rental anytime soon. The Township Committee seems to be of the opinion that we need to seriously look into this possibility. We might need to invest some money in the space to make it attractive for this use or we might be able to get the renters to invest in improvements in lieu of paying rent. We need to get the water situation taken care of before we can go further.

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APPLICATIONS:

1. Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>          Newton HS Field Hockey - Banquet – Fee - \$100.00

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Brian Robinson seconded the motion, all in favor.

**NEXT MEETING IS 7PM-NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT THE HILLSIDE PARK HALL**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ed Burgio, Chairman

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Jackie Huelbig, Secretary