

AUGUST 9, 2011
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chair Ed Burgio with the following members present: Mike Morel, Brian Robinson, Sabrina Burke, Bill Clark. Jodi Halteman, Michaele Alborano and Janet Bardello were absent.

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

FLAG SALUTE:

MINUTES: The minutes from July 14th were approved with a motion by Sabrina Burke and seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public present. Closed to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT & RECEIVED:

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| 1. Andover Regional Parents' Group | Flyer advertising a fund raiser taking place at the barn. They are requesting the rental fee be waived in order to help them achieve a good result from the fund raiser. We will have to discuss this at our meeting. |
| 2. Byram Township Recreation | Copy of the "Camping in the Park" flyer. We can discuss and try to plan a similar event in Andover Township |

Discussion took place by members present. The rental fee for in town non-profit organizations is \$200.00 which is the fee that was offered to this group. They are requesting that we waive the fee entirely because the idea is to get as much money and supplies collected for the regional school on behalf of the students. It was explained to the people running this fundraiser that we have expenses that have to be covered such as cleaning, maintenance, supplies, heat/air, etc. with every use of the building and we already give the school a "freebie" by not charging for the annual 8th grade graduation dance each June.

It was discussed that there are many, many other deserving charitable organizations and causes that come up each and every year and if we begin deciding that we will give one or another one of these causes a free rental, we will put in place a policy that we will have an impossible time defining. We cannot set a new precedent with this issue. It was decided that we could waive the clean up deposit with the understanding that if there is any damage after their rental use they would have to cover it. This way they only have to come up with \$200.00. All members were supportive of the decision to not waive the rental fee. The Director will inform the applicants.

We next discussed the flyer from Byram Township Recreation advertising their Camping in the Park event last spring. The Director spoke with their Recreation person and she claimed it was a huge success and they plan to repeat it again next year. They didn't have a great turn out numbers wise, but those who did participate loved it and planned to spread the word on how great a time they all had. We discussed hosting the same type of event. We could hold it at Hillside Park and we have the added bonus of the recreation buildings available for those who do not want to actually sleep under the stars, just near everyone else who is! Also, we have bathrooms and the kitchen which would come in handy and we could have a grill for the evening meal and then in the morning we could offer breakfast like pancakes or whatever. We could also include an outdoor, big screen movie to go along with the camping out. Everyone was very enthusiastic and we decided that it would be a great event to offer on the alternate year of Andover Township Day...Even years will be the township day and odd years will be the camping event. This way we have 2 really great family style events to offer our residents.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Softball Tournament – Finalize plans for softball tournament on September 10th. At first we thought we would try to make this day more than just the tournament by adding some rides, music, etc. Then we started to get some feedback that a lot of people will not be spending the whole day at the park due to other commitments such as the opening day of football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, etc. on high school level. The first weekend the kids are back in school resulting in lots of families school shopping. Also, we were told that once a team has been eliminated they leave to go home and would not be spending the rest of the day at the park while the other games are taking place. So with all of these issues it began looking like only a limited amount of people would be remaining at the park for several hours purchasing food, enjoying the activities, all of which we would have had to spend money on. This did not seem like a formula for success.

Also, the first tournament last year was hugely successful in and of itself with no other bells and whistles. Why mess with a good thing? So after much discussion, it was decided that we would be on hand to man the grill for lunch and also offer breakfast fare in the morning. Chair, Ed Burgio, will go to Schwans to get one of the ice cream trucks for the day. We only have to pay for the ice cream we sell. The issue now is how long do we keep the grill up and running. Discussion took place as to what would be the right time to shut it down. The general consensus was that between 2 and 3 pm would be good. There was some talk about ordering pizzas for the last teams playing for the championship to be enjoyed in the barn at the end of the day. This might be something we can look forward to for next year. The Director will take care of planning for the grill, coffee urn, supplies, etc. She will also get in touch with our Township Committee Liaison, Mike Lensak so that he is aware of what we have planned.

2. Discussion on remaining activities: The next meeting is scheduled for September 13th. We will hold the Senior Luncheon on Sunday, October 16th at 1 pm. We then will hold a Halloween Costume Party for the children on Sunday, October 30th. Then we will finish the year with the Teen Dance on Friday, November 18th; Holiday Bus Trip on Saturday, December 3rd, Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 4th.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Oct. 1st - Pequannock HS Class Reunion – Fee - \$450.00
2. Oct. 9th - Euston – 50th Anniversary Party – Fee - \$400.00
3. Oct. 14th/15th- Moss – Wedding/Reception – Fee - \$400.00 plus \$150.00 for prior day set up
4. Oct. 29th - One Step Closer Animal Rescue – Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser – fee - \$450.00
5. Nov. 4th - Lafayette Education Advancement Fdtn. – Fund Raiser – Fee - \$450.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary