

MARCH 13, 2012
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Chair Ed Burgio with the following members present: Mike Morel, Jodi Halteman, Bill Clark and Sabrina Burke. Brian Robinson, Janet Bardello and Maechele Alborano were absent.

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

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from February 14, 2012 as well as joint meeting with Open Space were made with a motion by Mike Morel and seconded by Ed Burgio. All in favor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT:

1. Past Aerobics Participants Memo and form for spring session
2. Sharon Delli Santi Email re possible classes

We discussed the correspondence. The spring class is under way for the ladies exercise. We discussed the possibility of offering a Child's Sign Language Class at the Hillside House taught by township resident, Sharon Delli Santi. The class would be for parents of small children or even expectant parents. It would incorporate the signs while using books and crafts to help encourage use of the signs. Sharon is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant who worked in the school systems with special needs children for many years before stopping work to become a stay at home mom. She uses signing with her children and would be able to have them on hand to demonstrate during the classes.

After some discussion took place the members present all agreed this would be a wonderful addition to our programs. This class would take place at the Hillside House and we will have to work on the details but the Director was asked to contact Sharon and tell her we are definitely interested in her teaching this class for us.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion re plans for Easter Egg Hunt – March 31st – The Director was contacted by Ashley Frazell once again to offer to fill the eggs for us. The Director will purchase the candy and meet Ashley sometime within the next week. We have replenished our supply of plastic eggs so we should be fine. Jodi mentioned that perhaps Jess Minnick with the girls scouts could arrange to have the girls fill the goodie bags. If this doesn't work, the Director will take care of this. We are set for Saturday, March 31st. Everyone said they would be there unless something came up last minute. The Director asked that she be notified if a member was not able to be there so she can plan accordingly.

2. Preliminary Plans for Upcoming Activities: After much discussion it was decided that we would offer a Family Movie Night in lieu of a Family Campout. The campout had many details that would require more expense than we first anticipated when we discussed this. We are trying to offer a family activity that appeals to a broad spectrum of the residents and a Family Movie Night complete with a 25 Ft. outdoor movie screen (can also be used inside the barn if weather dictates) where everyone brings a picnic dinner, chairs, blankets would be the way to go. The Director will look into the rental of the screen and we can fine tune this at the next meeting. We will hold this event on the date set aside for the cancelled Andover Township Day Celebration which is Saturday, May 19th.

We decided to hold our annual contests earlier in the day on May 19th so that at the movie night we can introduce our new winners. Discussion took place regarding how the austere 2012 municipal budget impacts the Recreation Committee and the planned activities. We already had to cancel Andover Township Day and now we are being asked to omit the Summer Recreation Program to help save an additional \$4,500.00. Much discussion took place regarding how difficult it is for us to not offer this program which has been such a tradition in the township going back over 25 years. We are hopeful that we will be able to bring it back next year. There might be some possible avenues we can follow on offering a program at our facility but run by another organization or group. We will be waiting to learn about this ASAP. In the meantime, the Director will contact all of the people who normally work the program to let them know that their services will not be needed this summer.

APPLICATIONS:

Hillside Park Hall

1. March 18th – Lisa Lloyd – Baptism – Fee - \$400.00
2. April 7th – Jess Minnick – Birthday Party – Fee - \$400.00
3. April 22nd – Bruce Whipple – Family Party – Fee - \$400.00
4. April 28th – Michael Nunn – Sweet 16 Party – Fee - \$400.00
5. May 4/5 – Jason Garrigan – Wedding Celebration – Fee - \$200.00 plus prior day \$150.00 – Twp. Volunteer
6. Sept. 22nd – Newton HS Reunion – Fee - \$200.00

Hillside House

1. March 24th – Michael/Lynn Salerno – Baby Shower – Fee - \$150.00
2. May 25th – Patricia Marbey – Wedding Rehearsal Dinner – Fee - \$300.00
3. June 11/12 – Carla Kostelnik – Weaving and Dye classes – Fee - \$100.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. It was seconded by Sabrina Burke. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary