

JULY 10, 2012
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

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

FLAG SALUTE: _____

MINUTES: Minutes from May 15, 2012 were approved with a motion by Brian Robinson, seconded by Mike Morel, all in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Karla Kostelnik, Open Space Committee member was present and asked for a discussion re the signage for the Lake Iliff Access to be added under New Business.

Township Committee Liaison, Mayor Mike Lensak was present along with Debbie Danielson, representing the Lackawanna Little League and it was decided to move the discussion re the upcoming annual charity softball tournament to this part of the meeting from New Business.

The date for the tournament is set for September 8th which is a Saturday. The park is reserved for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of that weekend to make it convenient to drop off supplies and to have Sunday as a backup in case of inclement weather. Mayor Lensak said he has the 8 teams returning from last year and the entrance fee has been increased to \$300.00 in order to give the additional \$50.00 per team to be used to purchase pizza for everyone to enjoy when the tournament is completed. Last year we had the grill going from about 11 am to 3 pm and we were quite successful with our policy of not charging for the food but asking for donations. Everyone was very generous.

Debbie Danielson explained that since the new concession stand is completed she is working with the Lackawanna Little League to arrange for them to handle the food for the tournament. The new stand will also be the central point for the tournament as far as announcing, keeping record, etc. We have electric there so we can use the public address system we have so everyone can be aware of what is going on. Debbie is attempting to get the food donated so that whatever money they collect can be used as additional money to be donated to a charity. She also felt that there would be enough volunteers from the LLL to man the stand. It was decided that we will fine tune the details of the tournament at the next meeting on August 14th and by that time Debbie will have a better picture of what the LLL will be handling and then the Recreation Committee can handle the rest.

At this time since no one else stepped forward to be recognized. Closed to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Annual Contests and Family Movie Night: We all agreed that the contests went off without a hitch and the Rizzo Reptile Show was a huge success. The building was open to anyone and everyone and we had approximately 200 people enjoying the show. We were hopeful that most everyone would hand around for the movie but there were many very young children and the parents were saying that the movie was past their bedtime. As it turned out we had a decent turn out for the movie and it seemed like we had to wait forever for it to get dark enough to begin showing the film. Unfortunately the beginning scenes of the movie were nighttime scenes that were of dark backgrounds so that didn't help the situation. But all in all, everyone who stayed enjoyed themselves and also enjoyed the free popcorn.

We discussed doing this again and Jodi informed us that other towns have movie screens that might not be of the caliber of the one we rented but most likely would not cost as much to use. We need to get the word out that we are interested in making use of a screen and we would much rather pay another municipality a fee than the business. It is something that we will definitely look into.

2. Report on Mini-Camp Run by Girl Scouts: Liz Kapuszinski reported that the camp was successful. They had under 30 girls join but everyone was very enthusiastic and the girls all want to do it again next year. They might consider opening it up to boys but at this time that is not definite. We were all glad that they took a chance on offering this and now we know that we have a good group to work with in the future.

3. Report on Ladies Exercise: The summer session is under way and is taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the barn from 7-8 pm. It will run until September 6th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Plans for the Annual Softball Tournament, September 8, 2012: This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Signage at Lake Iliff Access: Karla Kostelnik asked about the signage at the Lake Iliff Access. Discussion followed regarding what the sign should include. Darren Dickinson, Road Supervisor, will take care of the sign and things we need to address would be – limited parking – passive recreation area – portage for kayaks/canoes/non-motorized boats – take garbage with you. We can get funds from the Clean Community Grant for some type of garbage bag dispenser. We also discussed eventually installing some type of boardwalk that is appropriate and acceptable for the wetland areas.

3. Any discussion brought to the floor by members. No one had anything additional to discuss.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Oct. 6th – Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce – Octoberfest Fundraiser – Fee - \$450.00
2. Nov. 5th – Partnership for Social Services – Dinner Dance – Fee - \$450.00
3. Dec. 28th – Nifenecker – Wedding Reception – Fee - \$1,000.00

The next Recreation Committee meeting is August 14, 2012 at 7:30 pm at town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. It was seconded by Brian Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Burgio, Chairman

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary