



Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20 2015

Present: Todd Brant – Liaison, Mike Chipowsky, Tom Finn, Brian Ross, Mark Shreve, Kurt Vollherbst, and Judy Niederer, Director.

Absent: Tom Hare, Mike Markulec, Burt Sutker

Call to Order/Minutes Approval

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mike Chipowsky, Chairman. The meeting minutes of Monday, March 16, 2015 were approved with a motion from Mark and a second from Kurt.

Welcome new Member – Tom Finn

Tom introduced himself to the committee members – has been a resident for 5 years and has two sons who are active in the local Boy Scout Troop 71. Tom serves the community as an Executive Board Member of the HV Soccer Association, the HVYMCA and the Mid NJ Youth Soccer Association. Tom was welcomed by the committee members.

HT Committee Liaison report – Todd Brant

Todd reported on the status of Twin Pines stating that removal of the abandoned vehicles is slated to begin within the next two weeks. He also reported that quotes are being requested for the demolition of the old airplane hangar.

Paul to schedule meeting w/ Kurt Pedersen to coordinate drainage repair at Hansen Field.

Director's Report – Judy Niederer

- **Past Events** - Judy reported that the 3/25 "King and I" on Broadway was sold out and there was good attendance on the April trip to Bally's Casino in Atlantic City.
- **Upcoming Events** – 4/22 American Music Theatre – "Inspire" is sold out, 5/4 Morris Arboretum has a limited number of seats available, 5/18 Doolan's Spring Lake USO Extravaganza (sold out).
- **Budget Meetings** – It was decided at a recent budget meeting that the full-time Recreation Secretary's position would not be filled with a full-time person. Money was put into the budget for a part-time position and hopefully someone in-house will take over some of the other hours needed. We may see a cut back in programs because of the cut back in hours.

Unfinished Business

- **Youth Coaches Safety Training** – Judy prepared and distributed a DRAFT Resolution pertaining to the requirement that all youth sport coaches from organizations that utilized township fields/facilities would be required to have a Youth Coach Safety Training course. All members were asked to take some time to review the DRAFT Resolution and report back with any suggestions. The DRAFT Resolution will also be sent to the youth sport organizations for their review and feedback. They will be invited to attend the May RAC Meeting for further discussion. It was suggested that wording be used to accommodate Youth Coaches Safety Training that would be comparable to the Rutgers SAFETY Training Course.

- **HVBSA** – is sponsoring a Rutgers SAFETY Clinic this Thursday night for their coaches and any other coaches from other leagues have been invited to attend.
- **Field Use Policies** – Nothing to report at this time.

New Business

- **HV LAX Request for Banner** - Deb Howlett, President of the HVLAX Association was present and asked the RAC to consider allowing HVLAX to hang a banner at Twin Pines. This banner would be placed on the fence during the LAX season to help promote the sport and the organization. Members of the RAC felt that this would be allowable according to the HT Park Rules and Regulations and suggested that the banner be placed on the far end of the field during the lacrosse season. At the end of the season, HVLAX will remove the banner from Twin Pines.
- **Skate Park Fencing** – Judy and Pete met with a representative from Spohn Ranch who came to look at the equipment in the Skate Park. They are reviewing their findings and will get back to us. They did say that an asphalt lip should be cut down. Waiting on price quotes to repair fencing.
- **Playground** – at MAC site – we are coordinating with Rubbercylce to complete the bonded play surface on the playground. Best time for all would be beginning of July for completion. The site is quiet during that time.
- **Dogs** – there was some discussion on whether dogs were allowed at the MAC Site. Judy will review the rules and send them along to Mark so HVBSA knows how best to handle the situation.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Kurt reported that the Arts Council would like have a program where an instructor would come in and help people build mini hobbit houses. They would like to put the houses along a new trail in Alliger Park. The concern would be that they might be stolen or vandalized. It was suggested that Kunkel Park may be a better location. If they were on the trail, there would be a reason for people to walk on the trail. No other concerns except for those stated.

May 23rd – Memorial Day Ceremony at Alliger Park
May 4th – 9/11 Committee Golf Outing (sold out)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm with a motion by Mark and a second by Kurt.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RAC is Monday, May 18 at 7pm.