



Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, August 17, 2015

Present: Mike Chipowsky, Tom Hare, Brian Ross, Mark Shreve, Burt Sutker, Kurt Vollherbst, and Judy Niederer, Director. **Absent:** Todd Brant - Liaison, Tom Finn, Mike Markulec

Call to Order/Minutes Approval

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mike Chipowsky, Chairman. The meeting minutes of Monday, June 15, 2015 were approved with a motion from Kurt and a second from Burt.

HT Committee Liaison report – Todd Brant

Todd was absent but sent a report that the pre-demo work on Twin Pines had been completed and the demolition should begin next week. Burt had a question as to what the condition of the area would look like upon completion of the demolition. Mike said we should be prepared to discuss the next phase at Twin Pines once this demolition is complete.

Director's Report – Judy Niederer

- **Past Events** – 6/22 Yankees vs. Phillies Baseball Game (sold out) and 7/15 River Belle Paddlewheel Luncheon Cruise on the Manasquan River (sold out).
- **Upcoming Events** – 8/15 Sands Casino Bethlehem, 9/24 Rockefeller Estate in the Hudson Valley
- **Summer Camps and TTC updates** – All camps are completed finishing last week with 100 participants in the soccer conditioning camps. Reports are still be compiled on all camps and will be presented at the September meeting. There was a drop in attendance at some of the camps due to the lower number of children in this age group. Kurt reported some very positive feedback regarding the Art in the Park program.
- **Capital Improvement Report** – Judy reported that the playground resurfacing project at the MAC Site had been completed this week. Our DPW crews removed all of the old wood chips and put in a new stone base. Rubbercycle then came in and installed the curbing on top of the stone base. Inside the curbing, they spread a layer of rubber chips about 4inches thick. The last phase was the top coating of finer grade colored rubber chips that were spread out and bonded together. This top coat is approximately 3 inches thick. The RAC members were given a photo report as well that showed all the phases of this project. A question was asked about the maintenance of the product and the most important part of maintaining this surface is to keep it clean.

Unfinished Business

- **Youth Coaches Safety Training** – Nothing new to report, no time to work on this due to busy summer camp season. Will come back to this at the September meeting.
- **Part-time Recreation Program Assistant** - Judy reported that this position had recently been posted as a part-time position. With the money allotted in the budget, this person would only have 12-15 hours per week of work and start sometime in October. The RAC would have to be aware of future budget committee meetings for 2016 to make sure this position is being funded adequately. The members were told that the township did ask to see if this position could be funded from the Trust Account but the State DCA said it would not be appropriate. Additional

questions arose regarding the Trust Account and the RAC members wanted further information about the Trust, how it was set up, who controls the funds, etc. Judy will bring additional information to the September meeting and ask the CFO if she could attend as well to answer these questions.

New Business

- Pending AED legislation. Judy just wanted the RAC members to be aware that there is legislation pending that would require municipal recreation departments and nonprofit youth serving organizations to ensure that an automated external defibrillator is available on site at youth athletic events. The NJRPA was not involved in the discussion of this and is asking to be a part of the formulation of this policy. The passage of the Bill would have a tremendous financial impact on municipal recreation departments as each AED costs from \$800 to \$1500 each.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Kurt mentioned that the Law-Hopewell Trail committee is having a Moonlight Ride on August 29th. He also mentioned that we should think about forming a sub-committee with a representative of the LHT Committee that would work on connecting the LHT to the schools.
- Mike mentioned that the Annual 9/11 Ceremony will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11am at the 9/11 and Emergency Services Memorial at Alliger Park. This event honors past Emergency Service personnel from the area Fire Companies and Rescue Squads.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21 at 7pm.