

HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2015

OPEN MEETING / FLAG SALUTE

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with regards to notices, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamburg Recreation Commission is called to order at 7:04 PM., February 17, 2015 with a flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Fitzpatrick, Lisa Abrahams, Paula Marino, Joyce Oehler, Tara Scrittore
Absent: Tammy DeOliveria
Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Council Liaison Mark Sena

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Joyce Oehler, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to approve the January 20, 2015 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Joyce Oehler to approve the January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

FINANCE

Treasurer's Report was unavailable. January's report showed a balance of \$12,911.96 without blankets.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Clinics

Chris stated the clinics are going well. The Silly Science had about 30 kids attending, with about the same amount attending the Seeing Eye Dog clinic as well. Bollywood Dance is scheduled for next week.

Annual Decorating Contest

Chris asked about the winners of the decorating contest. Kathy said that the 1st and 2nd place winners were in attendance to receive their certificates and prize and were very appreciative and excited to win. 3rd place winner did not show.

Family Fun Night

As Tammy is not in attendance to give an update, members think that this function may take place in April. Kathy will get in touch with Tammy to see about any contacts made with the Y and then email everyone with an update.

Miss Hamburg Contests

Members discuss the Miss Hamburg Contests and decide on Sunday June 14th at 1PM if this date is good with the school. Lisa will put in a Facilities Use Form with the school for approval. Joyce Oehler will chair the event again. Chris will emcee the function as in the past few years. Kathy will call about the trophies and sashes. Tammy will be asked to purchase refreshments. Applications will go out on May 1st with a return deadline of June 3rd. Members will arrive for set-up at 12 noon. More will be discussed at the March meeting if needed. A blanket order in the amount of \$950.00 will be submitted to the Council for the Miss Hamburg Contests and, as there is still money in the rec account, this should not be an issue.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to submit a blanket order for approval in the amount of \$950.00 for the Miss Hamburg Contests. All in favor.

Summer Recreation

Members discuss holding the summer rec program, weighing different options. Lisa keeps the budget for the entire function under \$3000.00 as she hires junior counselors to help and gives them a gift card for their services. She only hires as needed. Last year the program was cancelled last minute due to medical reasons on Lisa's part, an unforeseen and totally unexpected circumstance. Members like the idea of having the program and offering the service to residents if there is enough interest.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Joyce Oehler to proceed to plan for the summer recreation program, with the possibility of raising fees, but also holding off on the decision until recreation sees how much of a budget they will be receiving.

All in favor if the amount of applicants received is favorable.

Chris stated that he would like to run the program for the town and feels the town (Council) needs to come up with the money or we (Rec board) will look elsewhere for donation money. Councilman Sena replied that we should look at what it costs and then go from there.

A letter will be sent to the Fire Dept. to reserve the date.

Senior Citizen of the Year

Members discuss this and will think about candidates and submit those names to the Council for their nomination.

Holiday Decorating Contest

1st and 2nd place winners attended the Council meeting to receive their certification and check and were very appreciative. 3rd place did not attend.

Update from the Council

Councilman Sena stated that for the rec fields, for buying equipment for the playground, we will be going through the Council and bond money to do so and using State contract vendors. The playground equipment will come first and then the accessories. Councilman Sena said that a location has been picked out; we just have to wait for the snow to melt and also need to get the power line setbacks.

Councilman Sena spoke to the Mayor about the Main Street fair. Main Street would need to initiate the action, with all merchants participating, and rec can help. Paula replied that she feels they can all participate in Hamburg Day and she will speak to them about that and this whole idea.

Paula also mentioned that perhaps rec needed to start charging for some of our services...like Family Fun Day. Councilman Sena replied no, not yet, to be careful and not go over the budgeted amount or spend where you don't have to. This would apply to any function.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

None in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Walt Gardner and Kerri Bosland of 4 Hamilton Street

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to adjourn at 8:06 PM. All in favor.

Minutes Approved 3/17/15

Date Released 3/17/15

Kathy Garrett
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Secretary