

HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 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 7:01 PM., June 16, 2015 with a flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Fitzpatrick, Lisa Abrahams, Paula Marino, Tara Scrittore, Tammy DeOliveria

Absent: Joyce Oehler

Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Council Liaison Mark Sena

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to approve the May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

FINANCE

Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$11,596.72 without blankets.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to accept the Treasurer's Report as prepared by CFO Amy Maronpot. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Paula Marino, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Keith Sukennikoff – Fire Dept. representative – informed the board that last year the dept. spend approximately \$1000.00 on hot dogs, soda, water, and condiments to give it all away at Hamburg Day and as much as they would like to, are unable to do so this year. He stated two options: the rec commission buys the food and they will serve it or the fire dept. will buy it but they will only buy a certain amount, sell it and when that is gone, will not buy any more.

Discussion:

All board members feel that a small charge is not a problem; all events provided by rec are free of charge.

Mayor Paul Marino – added his thoughts to invest \$500.00 – \$600.00 total to purchase everything and when that is gone, to not purchase anything else.

Board members begin to discuss the matter, weighing the different options. More will be discussed as Keith needed to leave.

Keith added that the fire dept. will serve the food no matter what decision is made.

Motion by Paula Marino, seconded by Tammy DeOliveria to close to the public. All in favor.

Sussex County Miners

A total of 25 tickets have been sold, but it is still early and members believe there will not be a problem in selling all 75 tickets. Tammy will contact Jenn McMickle about her daughter singing. Chris will inform the stadium that Mayor Marino will throw out the 1st pitch.

Summer Recreation- June 29-July 10

There are a total of 20 kids registered. Lisa said she would need two adult counselors, two counselors, and probably four junior counselors. The four counselors make an hourly wage. The junior counselors receive a gift card.

Members discuss whether to hold rec or to cancel, and Lisa, who is very torn about it as she is very fiscally responsible with the money, wants to do the best for the kids and for the rec commission. The enrollment

number to achieve was 20 for the program to cost effective was reached. On the first day of camp there have always been sign-ups, which have always been accepted.

Chris stated that this board should stick with the program, that we run this program, not to make money on it but as a service for the residents. He said we did not make any money on the Miss Hamburg pageants but still ran them. He also said he has nine clinics lined up, of which he went through a lot of work to get these people to commit to the day. He also said these people donate their time throughout the school year and he does not want to call them to cancel for the second year in a row.

Councilman Sena agreed that a commitment was made by others to be there, referring to the clinics, and didn't think it would be fair to them to cancel at this time. He also agreed that it was not a money maker of a program and believed that Lisa does not want to waste money running a program. Councilman Sena believed that rec should go ahead with the program for this year. Members also agreed and said that if Lisa wanted to run the program this year and they thought she should go ahead with it.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Paula Marino to proceed with the summer recreation program for summer 2015. All in favor.

Miss Hamburg Contests – June 14th

Joyce was not present to report on the event as the chairperson, but everyone that was at the event thought it went smoothly and there were no issues. Chris did a terrific job as emcee. Krysten Bifano is Miss Hamburg, Little Mr. is Gabriel Perrotto-Wald, and Little Miss is Samantha Amelung.

Hamburg Day – August 23rd 12 noon – 4 PM

Paula informs the board members that carnival games have also been ordered and extra help will be needed to run these games. Paula will purchase trinkets to give out. Members review the contract with Real Amusements for a total charge of \$4900.00. There is no deposit required and no tax charged. A check for payment will be given to them on the day of the event. All members are in agreement with the contract so Paula as chairwoman of the event will sign. Ed Miller, Eazy Bubbles, will be paid \$200.00 for the afternoon. Ray Sikora, the DJ, will be paid \$350.00. Paula will need a \$50.00 gift card for the winner of the pie eating contest. So far, there is a total of \$5650.00 spent, with a budget of \$7000.00. So far there are 12 vendors signed up.

Members discuss the food situation and the Fire Dept., and decide to give the FD money to purchase the food, saying that if the fire dept. wants to put out a tip jar, that it would be fine also.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Tammy DeOliveria to give the Fire Department \$800.00 for the purchase of food and food items, paper products, birch beer and water for Hamburg Day. All in favor.

Donations

Councilman Sena explained that from now on all contributions will come thru the Recreation Commission. The Rec budget will be increased to do so but there will also be a cap on any donation that is given to an outside source – the recommendation is \$150.00, with up to a \$200.00 cap. Members had some questions regarding some of the donations they make. This would be regarding donations to outside sources- as the recent one for the Eagle Scout donation.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Mayor Paul Marino – stated that the discussion on summer rec was a good discussion but with everything that kids have available to them, he thinks that summer rec is on the downhill, and the enrollment of 19 kids shows it. Lisa stated that she agreed with him 110% and she thought the decision about the program was already decided upon for this year. Mayor Marino agreed that this year it is probably a good decision to run it, but to make a decision about the program way before it is time to schedule the program. Mayor Marino thanked the rec board members for all the work they do.

Motion by Paula Marino, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to close to the public. All in favor.

Joyce Oehler arrived.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Joyce Oehler for Lisa Abrahams to use the Shop Rite and Walmart cards to purchase items for the summer rec program. All in favor.

Paula asked Joyce if EMS would be attending Hamburg Day and bringing a rig. Joyce said yes but asked if a letter could be sent requesting them to attend. Kathy will send a letter to EMS and the Fire Department also.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joyce Oehler, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to adjourn at 8:45 PM. All in favor.

Minutes Approved 7/21/15
Date Released 7/21/15



Kathy Garrett
Secretary