

# HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016

## 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 was called to order at 7:06 PM., March 15, 2016.

## ROLL CALL

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Paula Marino, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to approve the January 19, 2016 Re-organization Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Motion by Paula Marino, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to approve the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

## FINANCE

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for January - February 2016 showed a balance of \$10,575.67 with blankets.

Paula Marino asked if recreation would be getting money from the town this year and if it has been put into the account yet. Councilman Sena replied that the budget has been introduced with their amount but it will be finalized at the next Council meeting.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Paula Marino to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted by CFO Amy Maronpot. All in favor.

## OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

### Clinics

Chris informed members there were 17 clinics scheduled for the entire year. There were 25 in attendance for the search and rescue, which had to be relocated to the ballfield; 30 for juggling; duct tape had to be cancelled due to the weather; 25 attended catapult; and 30 for legos. The last clinic will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Westy's gymnastics and there are already more than 20 kids signed up.

Paula mentioned she attended the search and rescue clinic – enjoyed it and learned a lot from it. Chris said that there were two students that helped him with getting the participants down the path to the ballfield – one was in 5<sup>th</sup> and the other was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He would like to give them a certificate of appreciation for their help – not only did they help, but they “took charge” and continued to help throughout the clinic. He was impressed by them and would like to recognize them. Members think that would be a great idea. The family will be notified and asked to attend the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Family Swim Fun – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Chris said the event had about 30 plus kids swimming plus some parents and they had a great time. The Y supplied chips and water for them. The invoice included the bill for the refreshments for \$21.48 and all members agreed it was worth it to have the Y supply them. Councilman Sena attended also and reiterated Chris's comments that it was an event well worthwhile.

**Skylands Ice World – March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy informed the members that there has not been a ticket sold yet and not even an inquiry for this event. Discussion is that perhaps people will wait to see what that day brings and if they can make it, they will buy tickets at the door. Lisa will re-post it on Facebook.

**Self-defense workshop for adults**

Chris said that only 15 people were in attendance for the workshop, and only two were from Hamburg! He is discouraged with running events for adults as it seems that there is not much of an interest.

**Fire Department Golf Outing Donation**

Members are in receipt of a letter from the committee for a donation for the Fire Dept. Golf Outing scheduled for September 26, 2016.

Motion by Paula Marino, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to give \$100.00 to the Hamburg Fire Dept. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing to be held in September. All in favor.

**Senior of the Year Nominations**

Kathy informed the members that Mayor Marino nominated Janet Rude as Female Senior of the Year and Donald Decker as Male Senior of the Year.

**Sussex County Chamber of Commerce Day**

Sussex County Chamber of Commerce is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sussex County Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. A cocktail reception for town and county representatives will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Mohawk House in Sparta. Megan Sena in the office said she would be interested in finding out more information on what all is involved in the day but she would need help also. Chris said he would join her at the Mohawk House. Sam said he would also be able to help out, especially with the lifting of heavier objects for the day. More information will be given and discussed on this.

**Hamburg Day – August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Paula said that Real Amusements has some new bounce houses this year for Hamburg Day. Carmen, the owner, discussed with her the possibility of renting a dunk tank, saying that this would be an additional charge for attendees, and that it was always a big money maker for an event. Paula felt that possibly Council members and fire dept. members would volunteer to be in the dunk tank. More will be discussed on this. Kathy contacted Ray Sikora for music and he would be available for that day. Kathy did say that Mark Lysogorski of the United Polka Artists submitted a CD and expressed a desire to play also. Members thought that four hours of polka music would be a bit much plus the space constraints would not be conducive to this type of music and / or dancing. Instead, Paula thought of having a Polka Night separately and serving food, etc. would be a better idea. Members liked that idea and more will be discussed on that.

**Summer Recreation**

Lisa wanted to see about this budget before discussing summer rec and holding it this year. Last year a total of under \$300.00 was spent to run the program, including payroll. This year it would cost a bit more as all supplies would have to be replenished. Chris would like to see the program scheduled. More will be discussed on this once the budget is passed.

**\*\*Joyce Oehler arrived at 7:45 pm\*\***

**Easter Donation to Auxiliary**

Joyce said the Auxiliary is holding a “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, for \$5.00 a head. Flyers have gone out through the school. Lisa will post it on the Rec Facebook page once Joyce gives her the flyer so she has the information.

Motion by Joyce Oehler, seconded by Lisa Abrahams to donate \$150.00 to the Fire Dept. Auxiliary for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. All in favor.

### **Miss Hamburg Contests – June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce volunteered to chair the event which will be held at the Hamburg School on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Lisa will put in the Facilities Use Request with the school. Set-up will start at 12 noon. Kathy will get in touch with Newton Trophy for the sashes, trophies, and crown. Joyce discusses with members an idea of purchasing a trellis for the contestants to walk through and for pictures, instead of just a brick wall behind them. Oriental Trading has some for between \$150.00 – 190.00. She will shop around before she purchases anything but members like the idea.

### **Bike Ride**

Sam brought up an idea of holding a bike ride – for cancer – just to raise money for kids in town. He thought of holding it at the park but there are no bikes allowed on the path. Paula discusses how there are certain stipulations with raising and giving money for charities, mentioning some of the specifics of how the Fire Dept. golf outing does it. More information is needed on this, so Sam will do more research on it.

### **Information by way of email**

Councilman Sena discusses with members a way of getting Rec information out to the public – by email. He contacted a company and for \$168.00 a year, they will send out a monthly newsletter to up to 499 email addresses. Although this would be a mass mailing for the company, the emails would go out individually, protecting their addresses from all to see. The public would have to sign up and submit their email just like anything else. They would get the email and then read and save, or delete, but at least Rec would know that the information is getting out to the public. Members love the idea!

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Paula Marino to spend the money to set up the email info for Rec functions and see how it goes.

Tara said she would like to see it go one step further – like to put on town-wide events like animal licensing. Paula said that if this works out, then we should not limit it to just Rec, but we cannot decide for the town. All in favor.

Joyce Oehler abstained.

### **Littell Center**

Councilman Sena mentioned that the Council approved to pay the agreement for the Littell Center once again. Kathy will make sure the Calendar of Events is posted on the website.

### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion by Joyce Oehler, seconded by Paula Marino to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Paul Marino – Mayor – said that the bike ride as a way to raise money was a good idea but to not earmark the money to a specific person or cause as then you are limited as to what you can do. He suggested doing a bit more research on this and / or speak to someone on the Fire Dept. golf outing committee.

Mayor Marino said the problem with summer rec was that although the program was successful and ran for very little money, the sign-ups were late and caused some confusion.

He also said that Hamburg Day is the biggest event and you have \$5000.00 budgeted for this. Mayor Marino explained that this is a town event and Rec can always get more money to run it. As far as the dunk tank, he explained that he did go in the dunk tank one year and got so sick that he would never go in one again. Mayor Marino also said that the town gave Rec their full budget.

With regards to the senior citizens nominations, this was informational and a nomination can come from anyone and any board. Mayor Marino said he spoke to Chris beforehand to let him know he had two candidates.

Motion by Lisa Abrahams, seconded by Paula Marino to close to the public. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**


Mark Lysogorski – United Polka Artists  
Skylands Ice World Summer Camps  
Littell Community Center Calendar of Events

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Paula Marino to adjourn at 8:18 PM. All in favor.

Minutes Approved 4/19/16

Date Released 4/19/16



Kathy Garrett  
Secretary