

HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION REORGANIZATION / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Jan 28, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with regard to notices, this A regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamburg Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM and followed by a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sam Villagomez, Art Walton, Kamikedell Wolf
Also present: Councilmember Joyce Oehler
Absent:

REORGANIZATION

Suzette Villagomez the recreation secretary asked for a motion and a second for the recreation commission Chairperson.

Kami Wolf asked how the reorganization works?

Sam Villagomez explained to Kami Wolf that in the beginning of the calendar year the board votes on who is going to be the chairperson and the co-chair of the recreation board.

Chairperson	Sam Villagomez	Motion	Kamikedell Wolf	2 nd	Art Walton
Vice-Chair	Art Walton	Motion	Sam Villagomez	2 nd	Kamikedell Wolf
Treasurer	Joseph Brezina		Acceptance		
Secretary	Suzette Villagomez		Acceptance		
Advertising	NJ Herald / Sunday Herald legal notice		Acceptance		

Motioned by Vice-Chair Art Walton, seconded by member Kamikedell Wolf to approve all meeting dates for 2025.

February 18, 2025	March 18, 2025
April 15, 2025	May 20, 2025
June 17, 2025	July 15, 2025
September 16, 2025	October 21, 2025
November 18, 2025	January 20, 2026

Member Kami Wolf asked, if she can't make it to a meeting can they reschedule?

Chairperson Sam Villagomez replied that the board only reschedule meetings if there are not enough members for quorum.

Councilmember Joyce Oehler also stated that members can not miss more than 3 consecutive meetings.

Vice-Chair Art Walton asked if the 3 consecutive meetings is a Hamburg rule?

Councilmember Joyce Oehler replied, yes and it applies to other towns as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nov 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Vice-Chair Art Walton, seconded by member Kamikedell Wolf to approve. All members in Favor.

FINANCE

Chairperson Sam Villagomez noted and stated that the recreation board will require more than \$8500.00 for Hamburg Day 2025.

Member Kamikedell Wolf asked if adult alcoholic beverages are allowed for Hamburg Day 2025?

Councilperson Joyce Oehler stated no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.

Vice-Chair Art Walton asked about trust funds carrying over and stated his concerns in reference to the operating budget for the recreation events as it may not be enough.

Councilperson Joyce Oehler requested that the board start getting quotes for the expenditures for Hamburg Day 2025 and other events to present them to the Council to justify extra funding.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that he will start looking into quotes for amusements, petting zoo and music/dj for Hamburg day 2025, he also asked the other board members to start recruiting vendors for Hamburg day as well.

Motioned by Vice-Chair Art Walton, seconded by Member Kamikedell Wolf to approve budget, pending budget for an increase.

All in favor

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Breakfast with Santa - December 14th - Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that the Breakfast with Santa went well, all the children enjoyed themselves and everything went according to plan. Sam also mentioned there were just under 100 attendees, which was good because the weather for that day was below freezing and the firetrucks had to be left indoors which reduced seating space for the event. Chairperson Sam Villagomez suggested that the board rethink/revamp Breakfast with Santa so as to not run into this problem again.

Vice-Chair Art Walton suggested strict rules for reservations.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez suggested that we look into double seatings.

Board members are going to revisit at later meetings.

Christmas Decorating Contest - December 1st- 25th - Boardmembers discussed their choices and after reviewing their picks their final decision are as follows:

1st. 72 Orchard Ave

2nd. 2 Gov. Haines

3rd. 18 Linwood Ave

Best St. Linwood Ave

All in Favor.

Family Swim - March 21, 2025 - Kamikadell Wolf will chair and Sam Villagomez will co-chair.

Confirmed dates for future events -

Chairperson Sam Villagomez suggested a bowling event for April- TBD

Family golf - May 18, 2025

Little Miss and Mr Hamburg Contest - June 8,2025

Ice Cream Social - July 12, 2025

Hamburg Day - August 24, 2025

Hamburg Footgolf - September 12, 2025

Trunk or Treat - October 26, 2025

Halloween Decorating Contest - October 15-31, 2025

Breakfast with Santa - December 13, 2025

Christmas Decorating Contest - Decembers 15-25, 2025

Hamburg Movie Day - January 2026

Vice-Chair Art Walton suggested having a “Parks and Recreation” event in the spring/summer time.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motioned by member Kamikadell Wolf , seconded by Vice-Chair Art Walton to open the meeting to the public. All members in favor.

Hermalin Cruz resident asked, how to join the board and where does the funding come from for Hamburg Day and how does the voting work?

Chairperson Sam Villagomez replied that the recreation board receives funding from the Hamburg Borough budget approved by the borough council, and to contact the recreation secretary for application.

Hermalin asked if vendors for hamburg day 2025 are local only or can they be from outside of Hamburg?

Chairperson Sam replied, vendors can be from Hamburg as well from surrounding towns.

Hermalin asked about the Treps table for Hamburg Day?

Chairperson Sam confirmed that there will be a Treps table for Hamburg Day and more details and information to follow.

Chairperson Sam asked Councilperson Joyce Oehler if the Miners Baseball Game was something the council wanted?

Councilperson Joyce Oehler stated that is fine if it happens and it's ok if it doesn't happen.

Vice-Chair Art Walton asked who he would talk to about approval of advertisement and flyers that will go out to newsletter and waterbill?

Secretary Suzette Villagomez replied to Vice-Chair Art Walton to show it to the board first, then

Councilperson Joyce Oehler stated that once the recreation board sees it then he should contact Jean Stevens at borough hall to find out more details.

Motioned by Kamikadell Wolf, seconded by Art Walton to close the meeting to the public. All members in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Boating Safety Course / Exam through the recreation department received and forwarded to Beth Martin Acting Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Chair Art Walton , seconded by Kamikadell Wolf to adjourn the meeting.
All members in favor.

Date approved 1.28.25

Date released 2.21.25



Suzette Villagomez

Borough of Hamburg Recreation Secretary