

HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 17th, 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 7:15 PM and followed by a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sam Villagomez, Art Walton, Frances Weiss
Also present: Councilmember Joyce Oehler
Secretary, Suzette Villagomez

Chair Sam Villgomez noted the commission was missing a member for the fifth consecutive meeting. He, other members of the commission and the liaison had reached out to them without response. Per Council Liaison they are now no longer a member of the commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion by Vice-Chair Fran Weiss , seconded by Art Walton to approve. All members in favor.

FINANCE Treasurer's Budget report.

After reviewing the report, there were some questions regarding the amount needed for Hamburg Day petting zoo .

Motion by Art Walton, seconded by Sam Villagomez to open to the public for a question regarding the budget. All in favor.

Resident just wanted to know if these events would be posted on the Facebook page. Secretary Villagomez responded that it was already being done.

Motion by Vice-Chair Art Walton, Seconded by Sam Villgomez approving the report subject to further reconciliation and correction if needed. All members in Favor.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Miss Hamburg Contest - June 8, 2025

Chair Villagomez stated he was pleased that everyone showed up and we were able to find a Miss Hamburg contestant. Liaison Oehler noted part of the issue may be that the schools only made announcements and did not provide paperwork for the students. She would like the schools to add that applications are available for anyone interested to their announcements. Liaison Oehler liked the change in venue even though it was unplanned. Chair Villagomez will verify that the venue is set earlier next year and thanked commission member Walton for doing such a great job as host.

Ice Cream Social - July 12, 2025

Chair Villagomez noted flyers have already gone out to schools and it will be posted online.

Reminded those present that it would be held at the park between 1-3pm. He will have registration totals the Friday before and will purchase supplies.

Hamburg Day - August 24, 2025

Chair Villagomez stated the need to reach out to more vendors. An email blast was sent out to over 60 vendors. Five have paid and are attending to date. He announced with regret that a favorite, Chef D, has had a stroke and is no longer in business. Councilmember Oehler mentioned a possible pizza vendor. Commission member Art Walton asked if a Hamburg Day flyer would be going out. Secretary Villagomez stated it has already been done and would also be posted online by the Borough. Commission member Walton asked if posting a sign on the pickleball and basketball gates was possible. Chair Villagomez stated he was hoping to have it posted on the Borough's electronic signs.

Chair Villagomez announced the upcoming Miners game for the attending public. It will be Star Wars night and they are giving away light sabers. He also left information with the Borough office regarding the tickets.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Villagomez noted the meeting was still open to the public and asked if there were any further questions or concerns.

Resident Anthony Saliba asked if the Commission had considered a summer concert series possibly sponsored by local companies. Chair Villagomez agreed this was an excellent idea. He noted that with sponsors, cost would no longer be an impediment.

Mr. Saliba suggested approaching Accurate Forming, Vulcan Quarry and other local businesses.

Mr. Saliba also noted that he had enjoyed food truck pizza and would love to see it on Hamburg Day. He voiced concern that Hamburg Day was not as promoted as it needs to be. Chair Villagomez said every effort was being made to grow the event for the future. Social media options were discussed.

Mr. Saliba asked if there was a way to apply to the town for further Social media avenues. Secretary Villagomez was asked to address this with the Borough.

Upon hearing no further comment from the public, motion by Vice Art Walton and seconded by board member Fran Weiss to close to the public. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COUNCIL LIAISON

Council Liaison Oehler reminded the commission that Borough Fire, Police, OEM and EMS need to be invited to attend Hamburg Day well in advance. OEM needs advance notice to arrange helicopter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Chair Art Walton , seconded by Frances Weiss to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. All members in favor.

Date approved 9/16/25

Date released 9/16/25

Suzette Villagomez
Borough of Hamburg Recreation Secretary

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Interim Recreation Secretary