

HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Commission Chair Sam Villagomez called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led all present in the flag salute.

Call to Order/Statement of Certification

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public and the press January 12, 2025 by delivering to the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and posting at the Municipal Building a copy of the Commission's "Annual Notice of Meetings".

ROLL CALL

Present: Sam Villagomez, Art Walton, Frances Weiss

Also present: Council Liaison Joyce Oehler

Deputy Clerk Jean Stephens

Secretary Anna Titka

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Art Walton, seconded by Commission Member Fran Weiss to approve the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

FINANCE

Members of the Commission discussed funds encumbered for remaining events.

Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to approve the financial reports. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Trunk or Treat - October 26th

Chair Villagomez noted recreation members will start setting up at 11:30 am, cars being set up on the lower field by 12:00 pm. He noted that they will be directing traffic into the spots along the path. Secretary Titka shared that there may be a time conflict due to an incoming soccer game at 2:00 pm. Chair Villagomez assured everyone would be out without issue of overlap. Best trunk prizes were confirmed: \$50 Quarry Grill gift certificate for 1st, \$30 Weiss gift certificate for 2nd, and \$25 TJs pizza gift certificate for 3rd. Vice Chair Walton donated 3 Four-person Footgolf gift certificates for the winners of cutest, scariest, and most original costumes. Council Liaison Oehler will be going to Dairy Swirl to request a donation to add to the costume prizes. Vice Chair Walton can not attend the event, requested the Mayor be asked to judge the trunk and costume competitions.

Halloween Decorating - October 15th-31st

Chair Villagomez noted the receipt of Commission Member Weiss's submissions for best houses, and encouraged everyone to go around thru the 31st to potentially add to their list. He also encouraged members to go during the day as well to better see all of the decorations, not just the ones that are lit up. Prizes confirmed as \$75, \$50, and \$25 for best houses. Winners must come pick up their prizes at the meeting to ensure delivery of prizes.

Breakfast with Santa - December 13th

Chair Villagomez reminded everyone of set up time the night before at 7:00 pm. Council Liaison Oehler noted that she has 3 cooks prepared for that day, to prepare the pancakes and sausage. With the added hands, the doors will open at 8:45 am, with breakfast served at 9:00 am. Attendance registration is due by December 8th for final head count for food. Council Liaison Oehler noted she will be ordering the cookies for both the tree lighting and the breakfast from Vo-Tech. Chair Villagomez requested police be available to assist with car traffic the day of the event.

Hamburg Day Updated Application Draft

Deputy Clerk Stephens and Secretary Titka updated the Hamburg Day application to simplify verbage for better clarification and ease of understanding. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to approve the application draft. All in favor. A copy will be sent to Legal to finalize.

Hamburg Day

Chair Villagomez requested setting a date for Hamburg Day 2026. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to set the date for August 23rd, 2026. All in favor.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Council Liaison Oehler stated that the council loved the idea of the Family and Senior Game Nights, adding the idea of a Trivia Night. Chairperson Villagomez loved the idea for a date in January/February to fight off the winter blues. Recreation would provide games, chips, and water. Motion by Commission Member Weiss, seconded by Vice Chair Walton to set the date for Family Game Night for February 20th, 2026. All in favor.

Council Liaison Oehler also recommended adding pictionary or charades to the Ice Cream Social event in the future, replacing the need for Tom Gardner for entertainment. Everyone liked the idea of saving on the cost, but wanted to see how the game nights in the winter/spring did before making a decision.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Villagomez requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss. All in favor.

Public asked about the Christmas Tree lighting, which is not a recreation commission event. He also asked for more information about the Family Game Night, agreeing that it would be a good addition to also add the Trivia Night in the future.

Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to close to the public. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chair Art Walton, seconded by Commision Member Weiss to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. All in favor.

Date approved 11/18/25

Date released 11/18/25

Submitted by:



Anna Titka

Recreation Commission Secretary