

HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 21st, 2026

OPEN MEETING / FLAG SALUTE

Commission Chair Villagomez called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led all present in the flag salute.

Certification

Pursuant the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 14th, 2026 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
Secretary Anna Titka

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 17th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Art Walton, seconded by Commission Member Fran Weiss to approve the March 17th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commission Chair Villagomez abstained.

FINANCE

Commission Chair Villagomez noted the outstanding discrepancy from the previous month. Council Liaison Oehler noted that she spoke to Joseph Brezina; he clarified that it was money incorrectly put into our account and the audit caught the issue. All discrepancies have been resolved. Vice Chair Walton also noted that he would continue to put together a trend report example for future reference.

Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to approve the treasurer's budget report. Commission Chair Villagomez abstained.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Family Game Night - March 20th

Council Liaison Oehler reported a fun time had by all at the game night. We had 10 people total, 6 adults and 4 children. She noted a wish for a bigger attendance in the future, noting it would be worth trying to host the event again.

Trivia Night - April 24th

Secretary Titka noted that no sign ups had come through, as of the meeting. Advertisements went out to all avenues, including the school newsletter, but it unfortunately did not lead to sign ups. Commission Chair Villagomez made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to cancel the event due to lack of sign ups. The check written for the MC will be returned to Joseph Brezina and put back into the account. Council Liason Oehler encouraged trying the event again in the future, with a later start time so more adults could possibly make it.

Family Golf - May 17th

Vice Chair Walton brought stacks of flyers for distribution for the event. All commission members took a stack to share in the community. Secretary Titka requested a digital copy to share on the website and with the school newsletter. Commission members discussed adding a suggestion box to the sign in table at the event, to get a better understanding of what the community would like to see in terms of events in the future. Vice Chair Walton asked about the use of the Borough Hall Marquee and the traveling road sign for advertising the event. He noted he would contact Keith about the use of the sign.

Miss Hamburg Pagaent - June 7th

Council Liason noted that the pavilion had been scheduled for the event. Vice Chair Walton will be the MC for the event again, with Commission Chair Villagomez assisting. Secretary Titka noted that emails would go out to get the tiaras/crowns, sashes, and flowers ordered. Commission Chair Villagomez will pick up the water, chips, and balloons. Discussions began on reimbursement procedures, whether a commission member needed to front the money for the event or if the Walmart and ShopRite cards were still in use. Council Liason Oehler will talk to Finance Secretary Brezina about the current procedures. Commission Chair Villagomez noted a need for all commission members to help find judges, asking for the Mayor to be personally invited as a judge. Council Liason Oehler will contact judges from previous years to see who will be available to come back.

Miners Game - July 4th

All 20 tickets are available at Borough Hall and will be sold on a first come/ first serve basis. Due to issues of unused tickets in the past, no more tickets will be purchased unless there is a need for more than 5+ tickets. Council Liason Oehler noted that many of the council members were interested in tickets, and tickets would most likely move quickly.

Hamburg Day - August 23rd

Secretary Titka noted that we had 19 confirmed vendors for Hamburg Day, not including the Township tables. Another round of emails was sent to all previous vendors on April 10th. Commission Chair Villagomez presented the contract for Parties-R-Us, which will be sent to Finance Secretary Brezina to produce the check. Vice Chair Walton will contact Appalachian Petting Zoo for a new contact. Commission Member Weiss noted that the Wonderloaf contract was handled. Commission Chair Villagomez noted the need to schedule a meeting at the end of July/early August to go over fire safety and town ordinances with everyone. Council Liason Oehler has the figurines from last year's scavenger hunt. She will also talk with Alec about a tent for them to use at the event, with notes that misting fans would be a welcome addition, and Keith about the helicopter and fingerprints. Commission Chair Villagomez asked about adding live performances by Master Ken and Dance Expressions Dance Academy, noting a free vendor table in return for their contribution. Secretary Titka will bring an updated copy of the vendor list to the next meeting.

Secretary Resignation

Secretary Titka submitted her letter of resignation to the Recreation Commission. Commission Chair Villagomez accepted the resignation and Council Liason Oehler took a copy to present at the upcoming town council meeting.

COUNCIL LIASON

Council Liason Oehler noted the Fire Department’s request for donations for their annual golf outing. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to send a \$100 donation to the fire department. All in favor. Council Liason Oehler stated the council loved and approved the idea of the sponsorship letter for local and big businesses. They encouraged the community supporting the event.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Titka noted a continued email conversation with the Hamburg School PTA. The newest email noted schedules not aligned, but they would love to discuss further partnership opportunities, such as their Color Run in June. They were encouraged to join us at the April meeting to further discuss, but received no response.

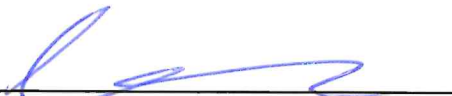
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commission Member Weiss, seconded by Vice Chair Art Walton to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. All in favor.

Date approved 5/19/26

Date released 5/19/26

Submitted by:



Anna Titka
Recreation Commission Secretary