

MINUTES

PRESENT: A. DeSapio
J. Brown
J. Burke
H. Diminick
D. Hanley (8:04PM)
R. Hartpence
D. Hewitt
C. Kolvites
T. Siano

ABSENT: D. Brown

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by D. Hewitt at 8:00 PM.

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure full public participation at this meeting, all members of this Board, and members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Delaware Valley News and Express Times and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by R. Hartpence, seconded by J. Burke and carried to approve the minutes of March 2, 2005 and place on file. **All members present voted AYE on ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Summer Programs

Science Camp

D. Bacon was present this evening for approval from the Committee for his Science Camp. The camp is in its 10th year. The program is the same as last year's program. The program will begin July 29, 2005. He has approval for the use of the Kingwood Township School facility for his program. The cost of the program will be \$35.00.

It was moved by R. Hartpence, seconded by T. Siano and carried to approve the Science Camp for 2005. **All members present voted AYE on ROLL CALL VOTE.**

D. Hanley entered the meeting at 8:04 PM

Art Camp

Ms. Gale was present this evening for approval from the Committee for her Art Program. The cost of the program will be \$35.00.

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by R. Hartpence and carried to approve the Art Program for 2005 contingent on Ms. Gale providing the appropriate insurance coverage, facility usage approval and registering as a business with the State of NJ. **All members present voted AYE on ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Basketball Camp

J. Kozo was present this evening to see if the Parks and Recreation Committee would be interested in sponsoring a Basketball Camp for 2005. The Camp would be held at the end of August for grades 5, 6, 7 & 8. He does not have approval of the facility usage at this time from the Kingwood Board of Education. He will not be providing basketballs for the participants but require them to bring their own to the camp. The Committee was in favor of the program and advised him to pursue the matter further.

DEP – Green Acres Program

P. Their of the DEP was present this evening to address the concerns of the Committee members in regard to the Green Acres program. She stated the Township would be able to set their fees and schedule their fields. They can have a different fee schedule for residents and non-residents. The fee for non-residents is limited at twice the resident fee. Funded parkland must be open to the public and be reasonably available. There is a distinction between funded and unfunded park land. In regard to unfunded land, the State is not in control of setting the fees for the usage of the park. Fees schedules should be submitted to the State for their record. The restrictions are the same for unfunded and funded land in regard to it remaining being used as open space or parkland. On unfunded land, buildings can be constructed as long as they are related to parks and recreation usage. On funded land, there is a limit of 25% for an indoor facility. The basis for funded land is for outside recreational activities. P. Their directed the Committee to review the rules as www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres Chapter 20. P. Their suggested great care should be taken as to what is placed on the inventory. If it is possible, the municipality owns a piece of land that it might want to build on in the future, it should not be placed on the inventory. Any open land being offered to the residents as a recreational place would have to be considered and included on the inventory. Property can be subdivided, with only a portion being restricted. The properties to be listed on the inventory are the properties focused on outdoor recreational use and conservation. The purpose of the program is to promise to keep the land or facility in a use of the parks and conservation in perpetuity in exchange for the grant funding. It is very labor intensive to obtain a diversion of use application. The rules require approval for construction on an unfunded parcel. The staff at Green Acres has the intentions to promote recreational and conservation use in perpetuity. The Green Acres

program started in 1961. There is a review of the regulations every five years. The rules have been broadened, giving room to be more flexible. The Green Acres program purchased the Trap Rock parcel on Route 29 for passive recreation, possibly a trail will be built one day. The funding comes from a voter's referendum. The funds are from a dedicated revenue source generated from sales tax. The program will need to seek voter approval in 2009. Green Acres funding has to be matched by other than Green Acres funding. It could be from the Township's open space fund, a corporation or a generous land owner. There is a cap of \$500,000 in the grant for each year. Non-profit organizations must give the state a deed of conservation over the land where Green Acres funding is used. In order for Kingwood to obtain grant funding, it must execute a grant agreement. After Green Acres has received the grant agreement, the money is reserved for Kingwood Township. Kingwood would then have the opportunity to pursue the acquisition of land. The type of land that can be purchased is for recreational and conservational use. Hunting is allowed on Green Acres preserved land. If the rules change in the future, the Township would be required to adhere to the new rules. The intent of the program is to have the Green Acres funded land open to the public. The Park Ordinances of Kingwood would apply to the parks in Kingwood. Open Space inventory is posted on the web. The cost of the improvement of a piece of land to make it usable for the public would be born by the Township. Green Acres will assist in finding funding to open the land for public use.

The Committee thanked P. Thier for attending this evening and addressing their concerns.

After some discussion, it was moved by J. Brown, seconded by R. Hartpence and carried to support the Township Committee in their attempt to obtain Green Acres funding. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except A. DeSapio, T. Siano, who voted **NAY**, and D. Hanley, who **ABSTAINED**.

Bocci Court

After some discussion, secretary was authorized to write a letter to H. J. Opdyke Lumber to accept the donation of the material required to construct two bocci courts. The Committee will begin work on the bocci courts on April 24th. J. Burke will have the area prepared prior to that date.

It was moved by R. Hartpence, seconded by A. DeSapio and carried to approve the construction of two bocci courts at the park. All members present voted **AYE**.

Shuffleboard Court

D. Hanley inquired if it would be possible to stencil and stain the court this year. T. Siano stated he is unable to remove the paint.

It was decided work on the shuffleboard courts would begin after the installation of the bocci courts.

T'ai Chi Chih and Karate School

It was moved by R. Hartpence, seconded by D. Hanley and carried to approve the above programs. **All members present voted AYE on ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Approval of Voucher for T'ai Chi Chih Program

It was moved by R. Hartpence, seconded by A. DeSapio and carried to approve the payment of \$330.00 to R. Heck for the T'ai Chi Chih Program. **All members present voted AYE on ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Delaware Project Graduation

It was moved by D. Hanley, seconded by A. DeSapio and carried to donate \$100.00 Project Graduation. **All members present voted AYE on ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Operations Report*Shed Roof*

D. Laudenbach informed the Committee that the Township Committee could not appropriate the necessary funds for the roof repair in 2005. A suggestion was made for the cost to come from the operating expenses and the in-out account.

Community Day

After some discussion, it was decided to not have a bonfire at the end of Community Day this year.

J. Burke stated his daughter will be coming to next month's meeting and inform the Committee of some suggestions for Community Day.

Also discussed were the participants for Community Day. J. Burke knows of someone who does inflatables as a side business and he will contact them. H. Diminick has a name she will provide to D. Hanley in regard to the inflatables that were present at Holland's Community Day.

Park

Discussed in regard to the park:

- The need for a delivery of infield mix at the park;
- Fertilizer for the park fields;
- Need for gravel at the bottom end of the path near the creek;
- Repair of the siding on the park residence.
- Two picnic benches needing repair;
- Need for the benches to be tightened up;

The Committee commented D. Brown should be performing some of the smaller maintenance items.

Christmas Trees

J. Burke had contacted the Township Attorney and she informed him the Boy Scouts could buy and resell trees on Township land but cannot plant them and make a profit off Township owned land.

Road Rally/Blues Festival

D. Hanley stated she has been contacted by a DJ, J. Lee from WDVR to have a road rally at the park. WDVR is a non-profit organization. They have liability insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000. WDVR organizes, advertises and runs the entire event. J. Lee is requesting June 12th. WDVR has held a blues festival at the Elks in Pittstown. She is requesting the Saturday after Community Day. WDVR would make a donation to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The Committee would like to see the programs formalized.

Field Usage

D. Hewitt stated he had been contacted by someone from Frenchtown who wished to play softball in Kingwood.

A. DeSapio stated he received an email from someone and informed them they would have to complete a usage form. The children take priority on the fields. He suggested they come to a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. All of the week nights are being used by the children. The only day free is Sunday. There is also, possibly, a group in Kingwood that would like to start a league.

J. Brown left the meeting at 10:28 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by C. Kolvites and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 PM. All members present voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenschick, Secretary