

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2012 7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Hartpence at 7:00 P.M. Chairman Ron Hartpence read aloud the following:

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on January 12, 2012, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on January 11, 2012. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on January 11, 2012.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of these committees, and also 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.

ROLL CALL

Present

David Hewitt
Ron Hartpence
Heidi Diminick
Diane Hanley
Cynthia Niciecki
Jack Niciecki
Antimo Russano
Chuck Kolvites

Absent

Diana Haywood
Eugene Hill
Anthony Gioffre

Privilege of the Floor

Horseshoe Bend – Update (Richard Dodds)

Richard Dodds reviewed an invitation for all to come to a public meeting at the Horseshoe Bend Park that will be on Friday, March 9th, 2012 at 7:00pm. He explained the purpose of the meeting and stated that he hopes there will be many people there to give the Township ideas for the park.

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He explained that he worked on the map of the park to eliminate the residence and private property of a family that lives on their property, which is located right in the middle of the park. He stated they are encouraging the owner to put up private property signs closer to his house. He reviewed an update of a community garden that will be put in and showed everyone where it will be on the map. Richard explained that there is an organization that will be doing dog shows at the park on the dog leash free area for \$75.00 a day. He stated that he would like the Parks and Recreation to be a part of the Horseshoe Bend Park, and that he would like to keep them all informed at all times. The Parks and Recreation Committee explained to Richard Dodds that their budget is very tight and that does not have enough funds to support the Horseshoe Bend Park. The Committee asked Mr. Dodds if they planned on having their own account. Richard Dodds feels that the parks accounts should be one for all Kingwood Parks. Everyone thanked Richard Dodds for coming and talking to the Committees.

New and Pending Business

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Parks and Recreation Committee

It was moved by David Hewitt, seconded by Antimo Russano and carried to approve the meeting minutes of the February 1, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committees.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Hewitt, Diminick, Kolvites, Russano, C. Niciecki, J. Niciecki
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- Hartpence, Hanley
	Absent	- Haywood

Approval for Application for Use of Facilities – Ron Heck for the Summer Months at the Park, June, July, August, and first week of September 2012 (Review Update from Last Month)

Chairman Ron Hartpence reviewed. Secretary Keller stated that there has been no contact from Mr. Heck except for an e-mail asking the Township to remove his scheduled class information.

Approval for 2012 Pond Management Program for Kingwood Pond – Great Blue Inc.

The Committee thought it would be a good idea to hire this program to keep the pond looking good and clear for the fishing derby in June.

It was moved by David Hewitt, seconded by Diane Hanley and carried to approve Pond Management Program Services from Great Blue Inc. for the year 2012.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Hewitt, Diminick, Kolvites, Russano, C. Niciecki, J. Niciecki, Hartpence, Hanley
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Haywood

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Approval to Donate \$200.00 Towards the KTS Sportster Club

It was moved by David Hewitt, seconded by Heidi Diminick and carried to approve for the Parks and Recreation Committee donate \$200.00 to the KTS Sportster's Club.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Hewitt, Diminick, Kolvites, Russano, C. Niciecki, J. Niciecki, Hartpence, Hanley
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Haywood

Approval to Pay Ian White for Music Lessons for January and February 2012 in the Amount of \$500.00.

It was moved by Diane Hanley, seconded by Heidi Diminick and carried to approve payment to Ian White for Music Lessons for January and February 2012 in the amount of \$500.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Hewitt, Diminick, Kolvites, Russano, C. Niciecki, J. Niciecki, Hartpence, Hanley
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Haywood

Old Business

Annual Schedule of Events 2012 – Updated

Dave Hewitt will update the changes on the schedule.

Old Fairview School House to Open – March 1st, 2012

Chairman Ron Hartpence noted that the Old Fairview School has opened on March 1st, 2012 for the season until November 1, 2012.

Easter Egg Hunt – March 31st

Diane Hanley explained that the egg coloring will be on Thursday, March 29th, 2012 at the Kingwood Township Fire House and that everyone should come between 6:30 and 7:00.

Annual Fishing Derby - June 9, 2012

Dave Hewitt stated that it is scheduled and that everything is ready.

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Bocce News

Annual Bocce Tournament Flyer

Andy Russano reviewed.

Park Director - Update

Chairman Ron Hartpence reviewed the information regarding the new Park Directors that were chosen and hired this evening by the Township Committee members. He stated that the new Park Directors will be Brenda Bishop and Jeffrey Frischer of Kingwood Township. He stated that they will be starting this position officially April 1, 2012. The Committee discussed the preparations that will need to be made before the new park directors move into the park residence.

Operations and Reports:

The Committee discussed the fields and the opening of the park. They talked about the message that is on the park answering machine now and what needs to be put on it until the park directors are in and ready to take over.

Buildings and Grounds:

Park will open on the 11th of March in place of March 10th. There was a suggestion that the fields be opened later than the park opens next year. They feel that the fields are too wet and not in good shape for games to be played on them.

Community Day Planning

David Hewitt noted that the subcommittee will meet the third Thursday of the month, which is March 15th, 2012 at 7:00pm. Meet at park house.

Andy Russano stated that he will be in charge of the food vendors and Ron Hartpence will be in charge of the vendors for crafts and other organizations.

There was a lengthy discussion on changing the locks at the park house.

It was moved by Heidi Diminick, seconded by John Niciecki and carried to spend approximately \$150.00 out of the parks and rec account for the purchase of new lock and keys at the park house.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Hewitt, Diminick, Kolvites, Russano, C. Niciecki, J. Niciecki, Hartpence, Hanley
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Haywood

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Donations

No donations this month.

Correspondence

Windsor Soil Company – Re: Infield Mix

The Committee all agreed this was not needed this year on the baseball fields.

Other Matters

There was a brief discussion regarding the batting cages.

Adjournment

It was moved by Heidi Diminick, seconded by Antimo Russano and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:40P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,
Parks and Recreation Secretary