

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2020

7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Hewitt at 7:00 P.M. and read the following aloud:

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 16, 2020 and the Courier News on January 15, 2020. A copy of this Meeting notice was telefaxed to the Express Times and posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 13, 2020. Additionally, Notice of change of meeting location from 599 Oak Grove Road, Frenchtown, NJ to ZOOM/Telephone Conference call was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on April 30, 2020.

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

Richard Dodds
David Hewitt
Ronald Hartpence
Jack Niciecki
Cynthia Niciecki
Andrew Russano

Absent

Chuck Kolvites
Heidi Diminick
Anthony Gioffre
Brian Obitz
Timothy Jordan

Privilege of the Floor

Horseshoe Bend Park/Ukarish Property Update

R. Dodds reported that a hiker had witnessed a group of dirt-bike riders through the Horseshoe Bend Park on Sunday and motorized vehicles are prohibited. This activity was reported to Mr. Dodds who contacted the State Police. The police located same individuals and addressed the issue of unlawful dirt-bike riding.

Hunterdon County Freeholders approved a request from the Hunterdon County Economic Development to authorize the acquisition of the Outer Spatial Parks App program in the amount of \$2700. Kingwood Township will trial the use of this app for the County. The total cost of the Outer Spatial program is \$3,000. Mr. Dodds proposed that the Parks and Recreation Committee cover the balance amount expected to be \$300.

Motion to contribute to the Outer Spatial Park App purchase from the Parks and Recreation account not to exceed \$800.

It was moved by Richard Dodds and seconded by Ron Hartpence to cover the balance cost of the Outer Spatial Park App purchase not to exceed \$800.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, J.Niciecki, C.Niciecki Russano
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Kolvites, Diminick, Jordan, Gioffre, Obitz

June 6th is National Trails Day and there are plans to celebrate this day at Horseshoe Ben Park. The Committee discussed if it would be acceptable for people to hike at the Park given the Governor's Order for gathering due to Covid 19. D.Hewitt stated that when the State Parks opened they were too crowded and social distancing wasn't respected. A. Russano suggested that people sign up in advance to manage the total number of turnouts. The Committee agreed and set a maximum number of hikers at 35.

Kingwood Township Park/Applications/Updates

N/A

Calendar of Events Scheduled for the Horseshoe Bend Park for May, 2020:

No Events Scheduled in May due to Covid 19

New and Pending Business

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Parks and Recreation Committee (April meeting was cancelled due to Governor's Executive Order regarding Covid 19)

It was moved by Ron Hartpence , seconded by Richard Dodds and carried to approve the Minutes of the March 4 , 2020 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- Russano, J. Niciecki, C.Niciecki, R.Hartpence
	Absent	- Kolvites, Diminick, Jordan, Gioffre, Obitz

New Business

Final version of the Park and Recreation Commission Ordinance regarding the abolishing of the Parks and Recreation Commission was discussed.

R..Hartpence noted that there was no mention of a Vice Chairperson or Citizen Advisory Committee.

R. Dodds did note that a State “Committee Member Vacancy” law has been included in the Ordinance.

R. Hartpence discussed much need repairs at the Kingwood Park.

D.Hewitt, R. Hartpence and R. Dodds will meet with Michael Ewing, Department of Public Works General Foreman, at the park to do a walk through of all locations needing attention and to prioritized projects.

The Committee requested that contact be made with the Kingwood Recreational Soccer League regarding needed repairs to the soccer shed which is the League’s responsibility.

Secretary Walters relayed a request from Michael Ewing to purchase 50 yards of mulch to spread around the outside of the park buildings.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of Mulch for Kingwood Park Not to exceed \$800.00.

It was moved by Ron Hartpence, and seconded by Richard Dodds to approve the purchase of mulch for the Kingwood Park in an amount not to exceed \$800.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, J.Niciecki, C.Niciecki Russano
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Kolvites, Diminick, Jordan, Gioffre, Obitz

Old Business

Proposal for installation turf HSB Park Morton Building
To be carried to the June meeting agenda

Quotes submitted by Andy Russano for repair of Bocce Court:

Opdyke Lumber – \$699.00

Sweet Valley Farm – Screening - \$300.00

Motion to Approve the Purchase of Materials for Repair of Bocce Court at Kingwood Park not to exceed \$1,000.00

It was moved by Ron Hartpence, and seconded by Andrew Russano to approve purchase of materials for repair of Bocce Court at Kingwood Park in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, J.Niciecki, C.Niciecki Russano
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- Kolvites, Diminick, Jordan, Gioffre, Obitz

Operations and Reports:

Budget and In/Out Account April Reports

Reviewed

Correspondence

Thank you letter to Arounkon Sanikone of Pure Velo Energy for generous donation of \$1,000.00.

Reviewed

Thank you letter to Jennifer Eannucci for serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Reviewed

Thank you letter to Michael DeSapio for serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee and remaining on as member of the Citizen Advisory Board.

Reviewed

Kingwood Park

Bathrooms/Kitchen closed due to Covid 19

A. Grillo has turned water on. Water testing needs to be done.

Old Fairview School House

Closed due to Covid 19

Annual Senior Picnic

Canceled due to Covid

Fishing Derby

Canceled due to Covid

Town-wide Yard Sale

October 3rd – 4th, 2020

Annual Senior Dinner at the Kingwood Methodist Church

Tentative Date November 14, 2020

Annual Tree Lighting

December 5, 2020

Donations

Pure Energy Velo - \$1,000.00 as thank you for use of Horseshoe Bend Park for 2019 Fall Festival.

Other Matters

D. Hewitt noted that Jeff Frisher , Kingwood Park Administrator returned all calendars, information and keys to Clerk's office. The Committee requested that secretary Walters contact all parties who made reservations with update on public assembly restrictions/cancellations.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ron Hartpence, seconded by Richard Dodds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary, Parks and Recreation