

Recreation Commission meeting # 7
September 12, 2006

The regular scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Recreation Commission was held in the Hamlin Town Hall Boardroom, located at 1658 Lake Rd., Hamlin, NY. The meeting was called to order by Stan Lyons at 7:01PM.

PRESENT:

Stan Lyons
Pat Batty
Mark Porter
Joe Mandel
Brenda Brunette

Diane Hennekey
Patty Jo Groenendaal
Nicole Cring
Katrina Hurd-LaFever
George Todd

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

GUEST:

Skate/Bike Park guests Mitchell Hamlin, Dennis Howe, Chalice Howe, Cody Howe, Jacob Hamlin, Karen Howe.
Playground guests Nicole Sercu & Lindsey Stilson.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for August were approved with a motion from Mark and seconded by Nicole.

PUBLIC FORUM/CORRESPONDENCE:

The Skate/Bike park guests brought to the commission the possibility of having a town skate park built. They said they had a pro, Tony Hamlin, who would be able to assist in the development of the park ensuring everything would be to spec and it would be able to be enjoyed & utilized by bikers, skaters and inline skaters. As of right now Hamlin has no such area for these kids and everywhere they go to practice their skills and get together they are yelled at and threatened. Other towns do have skate parks but they are a haul to get to and they do not always allow the bikers to use the facilities. An area approximately the size of the tennis courts would be needed and once built, waivers would be signed by those who use it as well as having signs posted to inform everyone what the rules and regulations are. The commission told them it sounded like a good idea but they need to go out into the community and gain their support by having waivers signed as well as putting together some kind of plan that we can look at.

Nicole Sercu also attended our meeting. Nicole along with her father and other community members helped build the existing playground. Nicole has helped out with the Recreation's playground program and has noticed that much repair and revamping is needed. Nicole has written an article for the Suburban News and is trying to get a committee together so we can address this problem. One of the big problems is that the families of younger children do not like to frequent the playground because there is an abundance of older kids that have made this their hang out and some of the behaviors and language are not appropriate for the younger children. Nicole has looked into grant funding but has been finding they are all for new playgrounds and plastic equipment playgrounds and she would rather fix the existing playground because of the memories she and other kids have. There has been an estimate for wood chips of \$7000.00. She

has spoken to several community organizations and has found she has a lot of support for this venture. Some of the things that would need to be done are pick up garbage, pull up black tarps, new wood chips and sand for the sand box, new swings, garbage cans, picnic tables, plant trees and flowers as well as get rid of the graffiti. George came up with the idea that she combine her efforts with the skate park kids. It would give a safe entertainment option for all of the kids. Nicole is holding a meeting September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Gym for the community to attend.

The commission agreed it was great to see these young Hamlin citizens so passionate about their causes to come to not only our meeting but to the Town Board meeting as well.

COMMUNITY CENTER EXPLORATORY REPORT:

Diane reported that they have met with all parties.

SENIOR COORDINATOR REPORT:

Katrina reported that there were 12 members who attended the Executive meeting this morning and one new member joined via the mail. Congratulations to Joyce Redding who is the Senior of the Month.

The senior picnic was a great success there were 101 members present plus 8 town personnel. Everyone had a great time and Katrina would like to say thank you for all who helped out. Upcoming trips include the Military Tattoo September 17th and the Esperanza Rose Cruise October 19th and there are still spots available for both trips. Cards and Games will resume at the Town Hall September 13th. Katrina also said that they are looking for new officers as the current officers' terms are up in December.

August 2006 Expenditures:

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| 6772.4: School Bus - Red Wings | \$172.13 |
| School Bus - Hill Cum. | \$257.64 |
| 7620.4: Marty Owens | \$ 75.00 |
| Friendly's | \$165.00 |

YOUTH GROUP REPORT:

Brenda reported that the big event is the Apple Fest fundraiser. There are a lot of kids signed up but adult volunteers are needed. The first trip will be Beauty and the Beast that the kids are looking forward to.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS:

Patty Jo asked about the wind towers and George said that there will be a study to see if the conditions are right for the towers.

NOTIFICATION OF MONTHLY EXPENSES SUBMITTED FROM RESPECTIVE FUNDS:

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| Administrative-7020: | \$ 250.32 |
| Youth-7310: | \$ 210.51 |
| Playground/Rec-7140: | \$ 2541.32 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 3002.15 |
| Refunds-980: | \$ 0.00 |

Pat requested the following transfers:

A transfer from Account 7310.1 to Account 7020.1e - \$420.00

A transfer from Account 7310.4 to Account 7020.1e - \$500.00

A transfer from Account 7140.4 to Account 7140.1 - \$1,000.00

We received a check from Kendall, in the amount of \$321.50, to cover their half of the trophy expenses. To be deposited in Account 7140.4

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Pat reported that we are looking into renewing our contract with St. John's and she will have a report at the next meeting. The fall brochure is close to being sent to the printer and Flag football is starting. The Recreation Department is also getting quotes for a laptop to ease the congestion in the office as well as having the computers networked.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Patty Jo is in the process of setting up an Archery program with Creekwood Archery. She also reported that the upcoming brochure will be 12 pages instead of 16. The Fiesta Day was fun for all who participated. The Mexican Migrant Ministry had some dancers who preformed and they were very good. Patty Jo also brought up the idea of taking the Luau back to the beach in hopes of bigger attendance.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Our equipment reserve fund proposal was brought up at the Town Board meeting but was not approved. Nicole asked about the possibility of bringing our brochure out earlier so residents will have a better idea of what we will have running when Sweden puts theirs out. Because the Hamlin Express is part of the brochure it has to be distributed when it is but residents are welcome to call the office to see what programs will be running next brochure.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nicole will start arranging the annual Recreation Christmas party.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stan to adjourn at 9:02PM, and seconded by Mark.

Minutes taken by Nicole Cring, Recreation Commissioner