

The Hackettstown Recreation Commission convened in open session in the Community Center at 293 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ at 7:45 PM on April 1, 2019. Chairperson Robert Salus announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

- (1) Posting an annual notice schedule on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building;
- (2) Causing the annual notice schedule to be published in the Daily Record and New Jersey Herald;
- (3) Furnishing an annual notice schedule to anyone requesting such notice;
- (4) Filing an annual notice schedule with the Hackettstown Town Clerk.

Roll Call: Present – Chairperson Robert Salus, Vice Chairperson John Mandick, Bill Baker, Frank Galka, Blake Hansson, Jim Pangallo, Director Joe Yapaola and Councilperson Engelaui

Absent – Brian Feeney

Bill Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting as submitted; Blake Hansson seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Blake Hansson made a motion to approve the bills as submitted; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.
All were in favor.
John Mandick abstained.

Jim Pangallo made a motion to approve the following bill: Verizon for the pool phone in the amount of \$3.62; Blake Hansson seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Edward Barr, basketball referee, spoke regarding his version of events that occurred during the altercation with Anthony Swayze at a basketball game, at which Mr. Swayze and his family were asked to leave.

Judy Stone, security for recreation basketball, explained to the Commission why she took the actions she did at the basketball game leading to Mr. Swayze's family being asked to leave the gym.

Anthony Swayze, basketball coach, expressed his disagreement of Mr. Barr's and Mrs. Stone's accounts of the incident and restated his version of events at said basketball game and asked for clarification why his family was asked to leave the game because of the altercation between himself and Mr. Barr.

Mrs. Swayze, Hackettstown resident, spoke of her concern that when her son was hurt she felt that no concern was shown, or the proper action was not taken by officials in charge.

Joe Snyder, spoke regarding what he saw and heard at said basketball game and gave his opinion on how both parties need to apologize and move forward.

Mike McCaffery expressed to the Commission how he felt it was wrong that the family was asked to leave the basketball game.

John Mandick suggested that in the future, the referee in charge handle any situation that may occur and not contact the Recreation Director to handle it unless he is there in person.

Councilperson Engela spoke to the fact that this situation has gotten to where it is, not just because of this one incident, but because of past disagreements.

Director, Joe Yapaola reported the status of softball and baseball.

Joe reported that a code of conduct has been created for coaches, parents and players of recreational sports and distributed the forms to the Commission for review.

John Mandick made a motion to approve the Ginger Gormley 5K on May 5, 2019; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Joe informed the Commission that Tony Wood and Charles Sutton completed the work at the High School softball field per the request of Mr. Grasso of the High School.

Joe informed the Commission that the netting at Tannery Field needs repair.

Joe informed the Commission that there have been some complaints regarding Centenary softball team playing at the Legion field possibly because of the music. It was agreed that any complaints should be handled between the College and the Legion.

Robert Salus made a motion to enter into executive session; Bill Baker seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

The meeting closed at 8:22 PM to discuss coaching matters. The meeting reopened at 8:30 PM.
No formal action was taken during executive session.

Blake Hansson made a motion to approve the increase in 2019 salaries as follows:
Robert Armstrong-\$61,574.00, Charles Sutton-\$49,000.00, Anthony Wood-\$45,171.00, Mary Matusiewicz-\$4,933.00 and Joe Yapaola-\$49,529.00; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Bill Baker inquired if a code of conduct will be put into place for referee and umpire officials. It was agreed that officials will have a code of conduct as well.

Jim Lambo, Hackettstown resident, questioned the use of the cages at Dougherty and Sheldon fields.

Discussion was held regarding grooming fields for games for travel baseball.

John Mandick made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:42 PM; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusiewicz
Secretary