The Hackettstown Recreation Commission convened in open session in the Community Center at 293 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ at 7:45 PM on January 3, 2023.  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, Brian Feeney, Frank Galka, Jim Pangallo, Councilperson Matt Engelau and Director Joe Yapaola

Absent – Jim Macaulay

Frank Galka made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting with the correction that the Men’s Softball donation was $750.00 and Joe reported on the basketball program; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve the bills as submitted; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

John Mandick Abstained.

Jim Lambo informed the Commission that registration has begun for Colonial Baseball and the fact that the travel program is not encouraging Hackettstown residents to sign up for the Recreation baseball program.

Joe Yapaola, Director, reported the status of the Recreation Basketball program.

Joe reported the status of Spring sports.

Bob Salus made a motion to approve the following special event license applications:

Annual Winter Fest to be held on January 21, 2023, Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade to be held on March 2, 2023, Annual Spring Festival to be held June 2 through June 4, 2023 and the Annual Street Fair to held on June 25, 2022; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Joe informed the Commission that the field drag has been ordered and there is approximately a nine month wait until delivery.

Joe informed the Commission that he is working with Jim Lambo on a NJDCA Recreation Improvement Grant to repair the tennis courts on Warren Street.

Joe informed the Commission that the epoxy floors are complete at the Pool facility.

Joe informed the Commission that a new Pool Manager is needed for this pool season.

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve the following 2023 salaries: Recreation Director-$70,720.00, Maintenance Foreman-$69,303.00, Facilities Foreman/CPO-$62,150.00, Parks and Facilities Technicians/CPO-$55,841.00, Secretary/Treasurer-$5,553.00; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

John Mandick made a motion to approve the 2023 advertising newspapers as the Daily Record and the NJ Herald; Frank Galka seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

John Mandick made a motion to approve the 2023 meeting dates as follows:

January 3, January 17, February 6, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, July 17, August 7, September 5, September 18, October 2, October 16, November 6, November 20 and December 4; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Brian Feeney made a motion to nominate Bob Salus to the position of Chairperson and John Mandick to the position of Vice Chairperson for 2023; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Jim Lambo informed the Commission that he is looking for Jr. umpires for the Spring.

John Mandick made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:08 PM; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary