The Hackettstown Recreation Commission convened in open session in the Community Center at 293 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ at 7:45 PM on February 16, 2021. 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, Director Joe Yapaola and Councilperson Engelau

Absent: Jim Macaulay

John Mandick a made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting as submitted; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve the bills as submitted; Frank Galka seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Councilperson Engelau informed the Commission that the pencil budget should be completed this week.

Jim Lambo inquired about gettering sponsors for the Colonial Baseball League.

Director, Joe Yapaola, reported the status of Spring sports and informed the Commission that on line payments have been approved and will begin shortly.

COVID-19 testing rules for sports programs were passed out and discussed among the Commission members.

Joe informed the Commission that the backstop padding was ordered.

Joe informed the Commission that he looked into purchasing security cameras for Riverfront Park.

Joe informed the Commission of the special event application for the Tom Kitchen Softball Tournament that will be held on May 16, 2021.

Joe informed the Commission that there was a pool meeting two weeks ago to discuss opening during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The pool will be opening on June 19, 2021 through September 6, 2021. The hours of operation will be from 12 PM to 8 PM until August then the pool will close at 7 PM for the remainder of the season.

Discussion was held regarding how to handle allowing people in at 50% capacity.

Joe informed the Commission that a new water aerobics instructor is needed for this year.

Joe informed the Commission that 2021 pool staff salaries at the 2019 rate. The only increases that will be given are the ones mandated by the State.

Joe informed the Commission that the pool snack bar bid will be going out within the next two weeks.

Joe informed the Commission that there was discussion abut raising the fees as follows:

Family Resident membership from $120 to $125, Family Non-Resident from $200 to $220, kids weekly rate from $2 to $3 and kids weekend rates from $4 to $5.

Councilperson Engelau asked if there is a plan in place if people don’t come to the pool this year.

Brain Feeney asked if there is a plan in place if someone from the staff needs to be quarantined.

Joe said he would look into people reserving four hour time slots in order to allow the maximum amount of people to be able to use the pool.

John Mandick made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:27 PM; Frank Galka seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary