The Hackettstown Recreation Commission convened in open session in the Community Center at 293 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ at 7:45 PM on February 6, 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, Jim Pangallo, Councilperson Matt Engelau and Director Joe Yapaola

Absent – Brian Feeney, Frank Galka and Jim Macaulay

John Mandick made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2023 meeting as submitted; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Bob Salus 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 bills: Lowe’s for Pool Supplies in the amount of $425.39, Mayberry Sales and Service for Maintenance Parts for Recreation Equipment in the amount of $2,212.94, American Protective Systems for February 2023 Alarm System Monitoring in the amount of $32.05; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Jim Lambo inquired about purchasing AED’s (automated external defibrillator’s) for use at the Pool and Alumni fields and stated that he will work with Newton Medical Center Foundation’s Heart of the Matter for a discounted price and he will reach out to the Rotary Club for sponsorship of the AED’s as well. Mr. Lambo is also willing to have fundraising events if necessary toward the purchase of the AED’s. Mr. Lambo also inquired about looking into a lightning detection system that would benefit all outdoor activities throughout the Town.

Joe Yapaola, Recreation Director, reported the states of the Basketball program and Spring sports. Joe reported that an agreement was reached with Tiger Baseball and Colonial Baseball to work with each other regarding sign ups.

Joe informed the Commission that the recreation grant in the amount of $215,000 was submitted for the repair of the Warren Street tennis courts.

Joe informed the Commission that the 2023 Movie Night dates will be June9, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

John Mandick made a motion to approve the appointment of Todd Lecher to the position of Pool Manager at a salary of $11,500 with a $1,000 annual increase with each additional year of employment; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Joe informed the Commission that additional assistant managers will be hired and rotated on a regular basis to help with the managerial duties.

Joe informed the Commission that the cost of chlorine has increased between $10,000 to $12,000 this year.

Bob Salus made a motion to increase the seasonal pool memberships of family resident to $200.00 and family non-resident to $300.00 and to charge both resident and non-resident senior memberships $30.00; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

John Mandick made a motion to approve the hiring of the following as Summer Maintenance Help: Austin Zellars at a rate of $13.50 per hour effective May 15, 2023 and Ryan Tatarka at a rate of $16.50 per hour effective June 19, 2023; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

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

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary