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

Absent – Jim Macaulay

John Mandick made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting as submitted; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

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

All were in favor.

Bill Baker made a motion to approve the following bill: Amazon for Compressor Parts in the amount of $37.60; Bob Salus seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Councilperson Engelau updated the Commission on the status of the 2023 budget.

Jim Lambo reported the status of the football and flag football programs. Mr. Lambo also informed the Commission that the AED’s have been received and all coaches will be trained on how to use them and that the Board of Education approved the additional weather station for the lightning detection system.

Director, Joe Yapaola reported the status of the softball and basketball programs.

Bob Salus made a motion to approve the special event license application for Peace NJ to hold a Free Fishing Day on June 3, 2023 and the special event license application for Peace NJ to hold a Conservation Week Celebration July 22, 2023; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Joe informed the Commission that he applied for a grant through Elizabethtown Gas and was able to receive $1,000.00, which will be used toward softball bats and faceguards.

Joe informed the Commission that there will be a Pool manager’s meeting on Thursday to discuss staffing.

Joe reported the total pool memberships that were obtained to the Commission.

Joe informed the Commission that he received an email requesting a memorial bench be placed at Riverfront Park in memory of James Hoyt, who was a soccer coach for the Town from 1986 through 2000. The memorial bench would be paid for privately by family members and not the Town.

Jim Pangallo made a motion to approve the placement of a memorial bench at Riverfront Park in memory of James Hoyt; Brian Feeney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

John Mandick made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:59 PM; Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary