The Hackettstown Recreation Commission convened in open session in the Community Center at 293 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ at 7:45 PM on July 17, 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, Brian Feeney, Frank Galka, Jim Macaulay, Jim Pangallo and Director Joe Yapaola

Absent – Vice Chairperson John Mandick and Bill Baker

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2023 meeting as submitted; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Frank Galka made a motion to approve the bills as submitted; Jim Macaulay seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Jim Pangallo made a motion to approve the following bills: Recreonics for Pool Parts in the amount of $605.50 and Hollie Studios for Pool Staff Shirts and sweatshirts in the amount of $1,858.00. Jim Macaulay seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Jim Lambo reported the status of the recreation football program and commented on the use of the weather station app.

Director, Joe Yapaola, reported the status of the recreation soccer program. Jim Pangeallo reported the status of the Cross Country program.

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve holding a soccer clinic in August at a pay rate per instructor of $40.00 per clinic; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Frank Galka made a motion to hire Kaylie Rafalko to the position of lifeguard at $14.50 per hour and Ryan Lucas to the position of lifeguard at $14.00 per hour; Jim Macaulay seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Discussion was held regarding rebuilding one of the pump motors in the filter house. Joe informed the Commission that the cost would be approximately $9,000.00 but would have more information when the pump is pulled out. The Commission agreed to discuss further action after the pump is pulled.

Joe informed the Commission that a new receiver is needed for the pool PA system.

Joe commended the pool management and staff for doing a great job so far this season and stated that sweatshirts were ordered for the staff in recognition of the pool’s 50 year anniversary.

Joe stated that he received a quote for $30,000 to repair the cracks on the tennis courts.

Joe informed the Commission that he was approached about putting in a dog park at the Sandbar. After discussion, the Commission agreed that Joe will look into who owns the property in question and what insurance would be needed.

Joe informed the Commission that the Chief of Police informed him about kids jumping off of the platform at the Sandbar area into the river. It was suggested that that Joe look into how to remove the platform and in the meantime to put up “no trespassing” signs.

Jim Pangallo informed the Commission that there are seven Hackettstown athletes going to track nationals in Oregon.

Frank Galka made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:14 PM; Jim Pangallo seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary