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

Absent – Vice Chairperson John Mandick and Jim Pangallo

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting as submitted; Jim Macaulay 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 Macaulay made a motion to approve the following bills: Joelle Bramwell for a pool membership refund in the amount of $125.00, Sanico for trash removal in the amount of $485.00, Northwest Soccer League for league fees in the amount of $4,885.00 and American Protective Systems for alarm monitoring at the pool in the amount of $34.01; Brian Feeney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Director Joe Yapaola reported the status of recreation soccer and the field usage.

Joe informed the Commission that National Night Out and movie night went well. He thanked the Police Department, First Responders and Hackettstown BID for helping make the night successful.

Joe reported the breakdown of the 2023 pool season memberships to the Commission.

Joe reported there will be a pool staff party on August 11, 2023 and the pool will be closed at 7:00 PM during the month of August.

Joe reported that Councilperson Sheldon has been in communication with the Board of Education and insurance company regarding the proposed dog park at the Sandbar area. Joe reported he has gotten a price of $14,000 for the fencing around the dog park.

Joe informed the Commission that the meter pit was dug at Tannery Field to install a water line to a water fountain that will be installed.

Joe informed the Commission that the new field drag will be available at the end of the year.

Joe informed the Commission that the Kabota RTV has stopped working and needs a new piston. Joe looked into the cost of a new RTV, which totaled approximately $25,000.00.

Joe informed the Commission that Statewide Insurance inspected the pool and playgrounds and that a few minor things need to be addressed, one being the cracks in the basketball/tennis courts. Joe stated that he received a price of $30,000 for repairs.

Jim Macaulay made a motion to approve a $100.00 sponsorship donation to the Tom Kitchen Memorial Golf Tournament; Brian Feeney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Brian Feeney made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:56 PM; Jim Macaulay seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary