The Hackettstown Recreation Commission convened in open session in the Community Center at 293 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ at 7:45 PM on September 5 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 Macaulay, Director Joe Yapaola

Absent – Jim Pangallo and Councilperson Matt Engelau

Brian Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting. Jim Macaulay seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Frank Galka made a motion to approve the bills as submitted. Bill Baker seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Jim Macaulay made a motion to approve the following bills: Marshall Machinery for Engine Diagnostic Service for the Kubota RTV in the amount of $158.76, Epic Sports, Inc. for field cones and speed ladders in the amount of $473.13, Sanico for garbage removal from September 1st through September 8th in the amount of $149.23, M&B Septic Services for pool field portable toilets in the amount of $85.00, M&B Septic Services for portable toilets at Riverfront Park/American Legion/Tannery Field in the amount of $340.00 and Lehigh Valley Janitorial Supply, Inc. for janitorial supplies for the pool in the amount of $556.41. John Mandick seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Recreation Director, Joe Yapaola reported that the fall soccer season will be starting and the football season has begun.

Joe informed the Commission that a large tree limb was cut off of a willow tree at the Sandbar, which will be cleaned up by Peterson & Sons Tree Service.

Joe reported the financial status of the 2023 pool season and gave a breakdown of the memberships purchased.

Joe informed the Commission that a second pump will need to be replaced at the pool, which will cost approximately $15,000.00.

Joe informed the Commission that when the diagnostic testing was done on the Kubota ATV, it was determined that the motor would need to be rebuilt. The motor rebuild would cost approximately $9,000.00, therefore Joe agreed to look into the cost of purchasing a new ATV.

Joe informed the Commission that basketball registrations will begin at the end of September and that he has acquired the necessary gym space.

Bill Baker inquired about the renewal of the concession stand bid. Joe informed the Commission that the bid is up for renewal and will go out to bid again in January 2024.

Discussion was held regarding the repairs to the tennis courts. Joe recommended speaking to the DPW to coordinate having it milled and paved during a road project in that area next year.

Frank Galka inquired about the status of the dog park. Joe informed the Commission that there is nothing to report at this time.

John Mandick made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:02 PM. Brian Feeney seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Matusewicz

Secretary