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MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2012**

The Hillsdale Recreation Commission held its regular meeting and reorganization meeting on January 5, 2012 with Ann Cron, Bob Darcey, Rich Gazzillo, Frank Pizzella, Andrew Puller, Peter Scandariato, Patty Hughes, and Michael Giancarlo in attendance.

Absent from the meeting were Dawn Timpanaro, Michael Holmes, and Sara Petro.

Chairman Peter Scandariato called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The following appointments were voted on and approved at the Reorganization Meeting:

Chairman – Peter Scandariato  
Vice Chairwoman – Dawn Timpanaro  
Corresponding Secretary – Ann Cron

The minutes of December 1, 2011 were approved (Cron/Puller, Scandariato and Gazzillo abstained)

Frank Pizzella was welcomed as a new member. Dottie Buesser was acknowledged for her many years of service.

**Remarks from Citizens**

Jesse LaGrossa, Michael Saul, Robert Saul, and Sean Donaldson – spoke against the HBSA rule change. They want to continue to play with their friends from the same grade level, rather than have to switch levels because of their age.

Kimberly Saul – spoke against the HBSA rule change. She stated that she has already spoken at a HBSA meeting and did not get the exemption she requested. She stated that out of approximately 450 kids, only 50 would be affected by this rule change and she wants them to be grandfathered so they can play with their friends by grade. Apparently this rule does not apply to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Chris Donaldson – spoke against the HBSA rule change. He pointed out that if safety is an issue, then with the new rule, a very big kid will be playing with younger and smaller kids.

Peter Scandariato spoke about the recreation program versus the travel program. Summer ball (Little League) has always been age based. The commission may have control over the

recreation program. Patty Hughes will investigate the jurisdiction of this issue. Michael Giancarlo will investigate the legality of jurisdiction. Bob Darcey wanted to determine the spread of the 50 kids across grades. Rich Gazzillo asked Abby Lundry to send a letter to Patty Hughes outlining the reason for the rule change. This issue may require a future meeting with parents, HBSA, and possibly the mayor and council.

### **Topics for Presentation/Discussion**

Budget Review - \$6,000 was cut from the budget, primarily from salaries and benefits. A seasonal secretary will be hired from April 2012 to September 2012 because Patty cannot be in the office as often as needed. Commissioners would like the savings to go back to preserving Concerts in the Park. Rich volunteered to ask banks in town for sponsorships. Town Day was paid for with donations. There may be grant money available for senior activities.

Salary and Fee Ordinances – increased fees by 1.5% across the board and rounded up to nearest 5. Late fees were increased from \$5 to \$20 and put into the Community Pass Program to enforce payment. Salaries increased for camp high school staff. Head Director and Assistant Director positions were separated. Increased salary for Coordinator of Youth Basketball and merged 7/8 girls with River Vale.

Abby Lundry, president HBSA, asked about fingerprinting. Also, they have some banners to hang up at registration and she asked about jurisdiction. She stated that BOE said no for Meadowbrook. Commissioners suggested she write a letter to BOE requesting permission to put up banners on school property.

### **New Business**

Rover & Clover 5K – March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor and Council approved it. The registration fee will be increased to absorb cost for liability to pay for insurance. Exact number of participants will not be known until the day of the race, last year 700 participated. Community Life will be a sponsor. Borough will be paid \$3.00 per participant after the race.

Andrew Puller raised the question about whether insurance fees will be asked of sports associations in the foreseeable future and Michael Giancarlo said no.

New Programs and Field Permits for baseball and lacrosse will be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 8:40PM (Gazzillo/Puller)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Reich

Next meeting, February 2, 2012, 7:00PM

