

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION  
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2014**

The Hillsdale Recreation Commission held its regular meeting and reorganization meeting on January 9, 2014 with John Corring, Ann Cron, Bob Darcey, Andrew Puller, Dawn Timpanaro, Gerard Dargan, Patty Hughes, and Councilwoman Looes in attendance.

Absent from the meeting were Alyssa Zoll and Matt Hausch.

Patty Hughes Called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

Chairman – John Corring  
Vice Chairwoman – Dawn Timpanaro  
Corresponding Secretary – Ann Cron

The Reorganization meeting ended at 7:10pm and the regular meeting was called to order by Chairman John Corring.

The minutes of December 5, 2013 were approved (Cron/Timpanaro)

Gerard Dargan was welcomed as a new member to replace Peter Scandariato and Chris Looes was welcomed as the new council liaison. Rich Gazzillo and Peter Scandariato were acknowledged for their many years of service.

**Topics for Presentation/Discussion**

**Budget Review** - Copy of proposed budget was shown to commissioners for their review. There are increase for contractual services, senior citizen activities, and trips. Councilman Frank wanted all funding for recreation commission to go through trust account so budget would be zero by this year, which is almost impossible to do. It was already reduced from 2009 level. All fee bearing activities go through trust. The legality of having the fees from one activity pay for another activity was discussed. It was decided that this should not happen. There was some discussion about possibly renting out fields and Beechwood Park to non-residents. A cost/benefit analysis is needed. Could run into problems if fields are rented and rain-outs prevent use of fields by regular teams. Commissioners agreed with proposed budget as submitted by Patty Hughes.

Fee Ordinance - Proposed increase of \$5.00 for camp, men's basketball (non-residents only), indoor soccer, youth basketball (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade), and girls instructional volleyball and a \$25.00 increase for wrestling. Kinder Kamp, for kids entering kindergarten, is a new camp program. Ski program, First Friends, and ice skating are new recreation programs. Commissioners agreed with proposed fee ordinance as submitted by Patty Hughes.

Frank Pizzella's Committee - This committee will not be renewed. The information that was obtained will move forward under the recreation commission. Agreements will be discussed at next month's meeting.

### **Remarks from Citizens**

Abby Lundy, president HBSA, submitted field permit request.

### **Liaison to Mayor and Council**

Councilwoman Looes spoke about contracts that Frank Pizzella was working on. There was confusion about role and responsibilities of recreation commission and the independent sports associations and clarification was needed. There is a need to know who has control of the fields. There is some overlap between town activities and independent sports associations which must be resolved.

### **New Business**

Patty Hughes showed the new basketball jerseys. She also informed commission that spirit wear would be available for sale.

Meeting adjourned, 8:10pm (Cron/Puller)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Reich

Next meeting, February 6, 2014