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MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

Attendance: Ann Cron, Abby Lundy, John Noone, Lauren Dentato, David Dembowski, Andy Puller, Gerry Dargan, Rob Ricco, Council Liaison Anthony DeRosa

Absent: John Corring, Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance: Michael Loughlin – Lacrosse, Devon Flanagan - Football

Recreation Commission Vice President Ann Cron called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Programs:

Holiday in Hillsdale: Abby reported that the town was awarded a matching grant up to \$100,000.00 to restore the train station. One of the fundraisers that is being planned is for Halloween. A full day of activities are being planned on 10/24/15 starting around 11:00 am and ending sometime in the evening with a movie under the stars – Transylvania was mentioned. Members of the Recreation Commission and the Sports Associations are being asked to help out during the day at the concession stands and set up. Abby had heard that the Boy Scouts will not be holding their annual Fright Night in the Park so they will be asking the Boy Scouts to decorate the train station. The theme will be to sell tickets for various activities and that money will go towards the restoration.

Sports Agreements:

Council Liaison Anthony DeRosa presented the agreement to the Commission and to the Sports Associations to bring back to their respective boards. Anthony explained that is agreement is to recognize the sports associations and have them recognize the Borough while both meeting certain requirements.

There are 2 major sections:

1- Payment of the Field Lighting

The current Council has agreed that the cost of the lighting is the responsibility of the town and the cost will not be passed to the sports associations to pay.

2- Payment of Insurance

The town is requiring the associations to either acquire their own insurance (as long as it meets the Borough's requirements) or to pay the cost to be on the Borough's policy – which is approximately \$2.11 per child.

Anthony asked if any of the associations that were here if they had any comments or concerns. Michael Loughlin who was there representing Lacrosse had a few concerns.

Section 3.1 - Michael stated that he had an issue with the opening statement. It seems open to items down the road. For example “You need to pay a fee to promote” – by saying it this way, at any point the Borough could turn around and start charging for items, like using the electronic board to promote or using the borough website. Its too open to interpretation.

He also feels that it needs to be more specific as to the certifications that are needed for coaches. While all coaches do the concussion training there are several different ones that are out there so there needs to be more specific on what certifications are needed.

If an outside trainer comes in and they are fingerprinted by their own organization, is the Borough going to require them to be fingerprinted again? Section 3.2 needs to be specific as to who needs to be fingerprinted.

Section 3.5 Should say another teammate instead of a “Buddy.”

Michael also feels that the agreement does not stipulate who the sponsored associations are. Anthony stated that once the associations sign the agreement, then those that sign are the sponsored associations.

Section 4.6 Abby wanted clarification as to whether the associations would be required to pay for the porta pottys that are put in place? Since this section states that they Borough would provide bathrooms at locations that do not have permanent bathrooms in place. Anthony responded that no the associations would no longer be responsible to payment.

Anthony stated that one other stipulation is that each association will be required to have one member of their board on the Rec Commission or be required to attend as well as present a copy of each of their By-Laws and show that they are a not for profit organization.

Denise Kohan from the Soccer Association asked if the insurance will cover the coaches as well as the refs that they use as they are all kids from Hillsdale and River Vale all under the age of 18. Anthony said he would check on this as well as finding out what the Borough standard is for the insurance.

There were no other questions, so Anthony said he will address the concerns that were brought up and will send out any changes to the Commission and new copies will be sent.

Fields & Permits:

None

Meeting adjourned, 7:43 pm (Puller/Lundy)

Meeting was reopened to approve the minutes of the August Meeting at 7:44 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Rob Ricco motioned to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting and Andy Puller seconded and the minutes were passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM (Puller/Dargan)

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Kohan