

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
06/01/2015

The regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Recreation Commission was held on June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Stillwater Municipal Building, Stillwater, NJ. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Rachael Gullette with the statement read that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Statement and the flag salute.

Members Present: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Delaney, Ms. Gullette, Ms. Hess, Mr. Manser, Ms. Richardson
Members Absent/Excused: Ms. Fritsch

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Manser, that the minutes from the May 4, 2015 meeting be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

BILLS

The following bills were presented – Engineer for \$ 500.00; Any Excuse for a Party \$ 1,300.00; Newton Trophy \$ 127.00; Mr. John, Inc. \$ 450.00; Gordon Prochnow, Jr. DJ \$ 800.00 for a total of \$3,177.00. Per Mr. Ashley, the Township will cover the cost of the Engineer so that bill is deducted. New total is \$ 2,677.00. Motion by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Delaney to approve the bills as amended. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a note from Lynda Knott, Township Clerk with a reply from Dana Mooney, CFO that Rizzo's Reptiles can be paid under Clean Communities.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – Agenda Items Only - 7:11 pm

Mr. Nothstine – 107 Andover Mohawk Road, Andover, NJ. On 4/15 I received an email from Michele Hess regarding the Newton Trophy order for Stillwater Day. That's the first communication I received since last June. On 4/23 I replied with the information she needed. On 4/24 she asked me if I was going to do the contest again this year. This is the first I heard from anyone regarding this. I figured by 4/24 that since I hadn't heard from anyone, I was probably going to do it. I got the information together and passed out to the schools like I usually do. On 5/21 I received an email from Michele regarding the times on the forms and requested that I contact Kathy Wunder which I did. The forms I use from year to year say the contest is 1:00. I discussed this with Kathy Wunder and she said that it wasn't necessary to change the forms and she listed the contest on the website as 2:00. It really doesn't matter anyway since as soon as I get an application, I call up immediately and I say we're going to have a meeting to get things set up. On 5/26 I received a message from Rachael saying there is going to be a meeting at Swartswood Fire House concerning Stillwater Day. I attended the meeting that day and many of you were present. I presented my plans and my preliminary expense report for that day. At that time, Michele mentioned to me that there had been some phone calls about the Mr. Stillwater contest. At that time I said I didn't care to comment since I didn't know who called and what was said and I had no documentation on it. I then left the meeting. On 5/28 I received a voice mail from Rachael that the Rec. Commission has changed its policy and wants to choose the judges for the contest. I called her back about 10:00 with my rather strong objections. I told her I would think about it and let her know what I thought about it. So I decided I didn't really know about it. So I decided I'd look at the minutes of the Rec. Commission and I looked bath through them and I noticed that on the 5th of Jan. in the member comments that Ms. Gullette made a

comment that there should be no nepotism. Well that's a tough word, nepotism. It's not a word I would have used. Then it says "we". All of a sudden it's we; it's not a member comment. We still want to have Mr. Nothstine handle and coordinate the contest but we would like to have other judges. Not his daughter-in-law. There were a number of phone calls after the winner was announced. I don't know what that was about, nobody called me. The winner was the son of one of the judges, incorrect, Shannon did not judge the contest, and Mr. Nothstine's grandson, that is perfectly true, it was my grandson. We would like to have final approval of the judges. This implies to me that there was some discussion with regards to the judges. I would have liked to have been included in that discussion. If there's a problem with something, bring it to my attention and we'll talk it out, okay? Number 1, Shannon did not judge; and number 2, I did not appoint Shannon to judge, she was appointed a judge long before by Lauren Kiefner who used to run the contest. So I just maintained the judges that we have. When I got there the day of the contest there were only to find 2 contestants in the contest. Everyone that's been around knows I hate this contest. Because it's the worst thing in the world. So what we try to do is give everyone a present, give all the girls a flower. Ok? It turns out there's only 2 contestants and I was amazed that my grandson Jack did it. He's a shy kid and I was really amazed. So we had to decide what to do. We knew right away that Shannon couldn't judge. That goes without saying. Mr. DeGroat was going to judge and Miss Snyder was going to judge, the same people that have judged before. The day of the contest, Kathy Snyder called me up to say that she couldn't judge. She was overwhelmed at the Boat House. This was 10:00 the day of the contest. So I didn't know what to do. I remembered that Linda DeGroat had been a judge for the Newton contest. I called her up and asked her if she could help us out? Dennis has all the essays, the judges have to read a rather lengthy essay, they're blind essays, they don't know who wrote them, and the second part of the contest is that they come see the girls up on the stage and they score them and that's how we get the winner. She came, and we started to have the contest. Mr. DeGroat came to me and said that unbeknownst to me one of the other girls was the daughter of a member of the school board. I said well if you're not comfortable judging, let me know and I'll see if I can get somebody else. It's 11:30 now. His wife knew someone working one of the booths and he came over and very graciously agreed. We had the contest, my grandson Jack won, what can I say. I'm just here to say, after I read these minutes, that's a strong word, nepotism. That infers favoritism. Shannon didn't judge, now in retrospect, since I was the MC someone could say that I shaded the questions or was nicer to one of the kids. So if there's any nepotism, it's on me. It's not on my daughter-in-law, she did nothing. So I immediately emailed Michele and said that it appeared to me that you lost confidence in me to do the thing. I can't really do it. I will be glad to help whoever does it. I called the next day and told Rachael the same thing. I just can't be involved in it. I just would like to say that when you put down there we would like to have final approval of the judges, that's the worst can of worms you can ever have. Back in the day when this contest used to be run, it was a free-for-all. There was three judges appointed by somebody on the committee, there was no scoring, there was nothing, there was loud arguing, it was brutal. So luckily, the one year they asked me to judge, I said I wouldn't do it because there was not form, it was only who could yell the loudest. Back 25 years ago, I could yell pretty loud. So Laura Kitner came forward and professionalized the contest. So that's all we did. So that's why I don't feel I can do the contest. I said I would help out whoever wants to do it but I'm just telling you that if you have it in the minutes that you have final approval of the judges that opens it up to every political mess in the whole world. Because we're all appointed on this committee by somebody on the Township Committee and that's where the rub comes. Well wait a minute, ba ba ba ba ba ba ba. Shannon's been a judge for probably seven or eight years. I've done it for like four or five years. We keep the same judges for just that reason, so it doesn't change and say oh look at that, that's what happens. I get pretty excited about it, you know. And I think I'm a weak person and questions decisions before he does them, a strong person questions them after he does them. You know in retrospect, should I have stepped aside as the MC? Perhaps, I don't know how that would have worked in practice but maybe I should have done that. So that's where I am on this whole thing. OK? Let me just say one more thing. I've been here since 1980. People know me well. I've been on every Commission there is, I've been on the Hospital board of Trustees, I've

refereed soccer games, umpired baseball games, coached. There's nothing in this community that in some way, someone couldn't say Rick Nothstine touched that. There's no one that hasn't worked at our house, I've paid money to do things, it's a real touchy situation so that's my concern. I'll let Shannon come up with the rest of it but that's just where I'm at.

Ms. Hess responded to Mr. Nothstine and Mrs. Nothstine – nobody in any way ever questioned your integrity. The question that came up was the newspaper article that followed the Miss Stillwater contest that stated who the judges were. It was in the paper and it listed the MC, the judges and it listed the winners. Nobody knew that you stepped aside and you were listed as a judge. Calls came in from people seeing this. We got a whole lot of phone calls. You don't know who they are, well neither do I. You know a whole lot more people in this town than I do. When someone calls, if I don't know them, I just listen to what they have to say, thank them for sharing and let them know I will look into it. I let them know I don't know anything about it, I don't run the contest. It then got tabled since there was other things happening and it got put aside. When we did discuss it, we decided that the best way to go was to get judges outside Stillwater which is the way most towns do it. This way it can't be said that there's a tie to the school, there's a tie to the children, there's a tie to this, that or the other thing and leave it at that and that's where it all came in. That's all I want to say. As far as your ability or your integrity, nobody ever questioned your ability or your integrity.

Ms. Gullette also responded saying that the word nepotism was a word that somebody else used.

Mr. Nothstine just recommended that when we get phone calls, we should document them. He hears stuff all over, at soccer games, at the garage. Have the people come here, state their case. To believe what they write in the newspaper is crazy. That newspaper is full of misinformation. Shannon did not judge, I did MC, I apologize for that.

Ms. Hess again stated that no one wants him to stop MC'ing. You do an excellent job.

Mr. Nothstine said that if we wanted different judges, we should have told me before.

Ms. Gullette responding – for the record, this is the first time this has ever happened, in all the years past you were on the committee and you were the MC. We've never had this before. When this came up, we had to do something. She (meaning Mrs. Delaney) was on a different committee and she had some insight into some different judges from a different area so it didn't make anybody look bad. It wasn't to hurt anybody by any means. If it did, we apologize because that was not the intention. We love you. We wouldn't have asked you to come back if we didn't trust you.

Mr. Nothstine – I think you're going to lose something having judges from outside. It's a community day. When you go to the contest at the State Fair, the judges are from Parsippany, Whippany Park, stuff like that, with no real connection to this. But, if that's the way you want to do it, fine.

Mrs. Delaney – As far as who the judges are for this year, the same as in the past? I don't know how there wouldn't be any favoritism. Mr. Nothstine – didn't Rachael just say this has never happened in the past? It's a small town, people say things. These things are going to come up. No one that I know of all these years has ever complained.

All agreed.

Shannon Nothstine - I really would have appreciated all these comments and questions a year ago and Rick would have cleared it up right there and we would have avoided all this. My feelings aren't hurt, that's not what this is. I enjoy judging. I've done it seven or eight years. So Rick never appointed me, let's say that first. Lauren came to me knowing I have experience in pageants; I've been doing them my whole life. She came to me and said, Shannon, you've been on the other side of it, I've been on the winning side of it, I've been on the losing side, I can put myself in your shoes. We talked about the questions and she really wanted me to help her with it. We've had some really great winners so we must have been doing something right. Also, Linda DeGroat, Rick asked her last year. It was before the queen of the fair, she too had had experience in the pageants and that was great. My issue is not, and I don't even want to say it's an issue, it's just a discussion we're having. I've always been a strong supporter of the Rec. Commission. Each and every one of you are volunteers and I always thank volunteers because it's a thankless job. There's a few of us in the community that step up to the plate over and over again. You guys are a part of that team and I appreciate that. So, I

walked in the door being a supporter of the Rec. Committee and I'll walk back out the door being a supporter of the Rec. Committee. That's not the issue here. Specifically, the issue here, for me is that I was charged with nepotism. That is a strong charge. It's a strong word, it's a strong charge. You said it publically and you printed it publically. Ok? You didn't give me an opportunity to say my side. That's not fair. If we're talking about what's fair, it would have been fair for someone to come to me and say, "Hey Shannon, what happened?" I've seen all of you in that year, or seen most of you anyway, many times. We could have easily had the conversation. Michele, you say you took in these phone calls, if you're going to accuse somebody of nepotism, you have to have evidence. I question if these phone calls were documented, I know you responded to that, but I'm thinking to myself it's a strong charge with little evidence, really with none that I can come up with. You know an article in the paper, we all know just because you see it in the Herald, doesn't make it true and in this case, it wasn't true. I wasn't a judge. I stepped aside and for obvious reasons. I would never do that, just as Rick had stated. I was disappointed that you guys thought I would cheat. Because that's what it is. You're saying that we somehow cheated and that's questioning my integrity and that's why I'm here tonight. And to give my side of the story because I wasn't given that opportunity. It was basically judge and jury kind of thing. Without the other side being represented. I don't think that was fair. I'm going to ask that in conclusion of this, that you guys re-evaluate what you put in the public record because it's wrong. I'm going to ask that it be stricken or corrected or whatever you have to do.

Ms. Hess – this comment will be printed in full in the minutes and it will correct that.

Ms. Gullette – No one ever accused you of nepotism. It was a word that was used in one of the phone calls. I know your upset with me.

Mrs. Nothstine – I was surprised when I read it in the minutes.

Ms. Gullette – I know you're offended and I know you're hurt. I only said the top line. Nowhere did we use your name and you weren't accused

Mrs. Nothstine quoted the Jan. minutes stating still having Mr. Nothstine doing the contest but having other judges, not his daughter-in-law. You didn't say my name, but I'm his only daughter-in-law. Then it goes on to say there were many phone calls when the winner was announced. The winner was the son of one of the judges and Mr. Nothstine's grandson. We would like to have final approval of the judges. All this is in reference to nepotism.

Ms. Hess – But it doesn't state it. If you are being technical, it doesn't state that you. I agree that it's a gray area. These comments will all be in the minutes under the public session. We don't feel it was nepotism. These were the phone calls that we received stating that they feel nepotism is improper and because of the article that was written.

Ms. Gullette – I don't even use that word. It was because of the comments made. Did I think how it was being said? Not really because I don't use that word.

Mrs. Nothstine – when you govern, you don't govern or rule on phone calls. You have to get together as a group and make a decision based on the evidence and the facts. That's based on both sides of the equation, both sides of the story. So I question that a little bit as to how we reached that charge. Let me just explain one other thing before we get into any other questions or comments. Do any of you know Jack? My son, who won? Did any of you see the contest? So by saying in some way there was a bias, says he didn't deserve to win. He deserved to win. (Begins to cry) He did a great job; he's a smart, future leader of this community. Someone who you want to represent the town. So if we're going to talk about being offended, that offends me because he deserved to win. (Mrs. Delaney commented, "but you're his Mom") but independent people decided he deserved to win. It had nothing to do with me.

Ms. Hess – no one said he didn't deserve to win. Not one person here said he didn't deserve to win.

Mrs. Nothstine – you're saying that last year's judging was biased.

Several – someone else said that

Ms. Hess – We did not say that

Mrs. Nothstine – but guys, again, you don't report rumor and what other people say. That's not how you govern. You guys get together and decide how it's going to be.

Ms. Gullette – that's why we came up with the thing about outside judges.

Mrs. Nothstine – I didn't know there was a section in your, you know, let's discuss the rumors of the town or what people are saying.

Ms. Richardson – You can't just sweep them under the carpet, you have to address them.

Mrs. Nothstine – I'm not saying you don't address them

Ms. Hess – We aren't allowed to meet privately to discuss business unless it's in the paper and at a meeting. Everything that comes before the committee has to be brought out at the committee meeting. And that's all that was done.

Mrs. Nothstine – and that's fine, that's absolutely fine, but I wish you would have come to me and asked me to represent my side of the story, that's all, ok? I just thought that the facts weren't there and it was unfair for me and it was unfair for Jack to say that the reason why he won was in some way biased.

Mr. Ashley – nobody said that

Ms. Gullette – not one person said that he didn't deserve to win. Not one person actually said that there was nepotism. There were 7 phone calls and in the paper we didn't even know you didn't judge. How does it look to everybody else who read

Mrs. Nothstine – how does it look? That's what I mean

Ms. Hess – and that's what was discussed at the meeting was how it looked and what we got as phone calls and what we needed to do to address the phone calls.

Mrs. Delaney – did you see the paper?

Mrs. Nothstine – Yeah I saw the paper, I have it hanging on my refrigerator but I didn't think it

Mrs. Delaney – but if your name, excuse me, I'm Dawn Delaney. I'm really not involved in this until now. I haven't been to Stillwater Day in years. (Mr. Ashley – this is her first year) But, I know from just being out in the public eye, if it was myself and there was my picture or my son's picture with my name and my husband's name or my son's name and my mother's name all in one group and my child was the winner, I would go ooooh ouch how did that happen. And it's not your fault, it's not your son's fault. No one is taking his title from him. I guess now, since it has been brought to our attention, we felt we had to address it. And I'm sure your father is the best MC going. I still think he should probably MC but maybe it should just be a different judging.

Mr. Ashley – all this committee is trying to do is prevent it from happening again.

Mrs. Delaney – it doesn't stop it but it makes it less

Ms. Richardson – you're never going to please everyone but we have to try

Mrs. Nothstine – The other point I would like to make is that Jack has come to me three years in a row and asked to be a part of this competition. And I said no. I said no, let's wait until you're older. Last year he was seven, the cut-off. He came to me, I didn't go to him, he came to me. I asked my daughter to do it and she was like __ no. I'm not doing it. It's not like I was pushing him up on the stage because I wanted him to win. That isn't what this was. Jack has an anxiety disorder, pretty severe, and he gets really bad anxiety attacks when he's put on the spotlight. So, when he came to me and said he wanted to do this, I thought, oh my God, this kid's brave. And of course, I thought to myself, this isn't going to look good, right? I've been a judge for seven years, Rick's the MC, this isn't going to look good. I'm not an idiot, I know that, okay? And that's why I stepped aside. The reason why I let him do this, because I had to sign my name there, How is that fair to Jack because his mother and his grandfather are active volunteers in this community? How is that fair to him? It's not fair. And that's why I said, sure Jack, you can do it. Will there be people that talk about it? Definitely, but I didn't do anything wrong and Rick didn't do anything wrong. I wouldn't be here in public saying this if I had. I knew people would .. people talk all the time, okay? That's not .. I can keep my held up high as long as the right decisions are made. I made the right decision then and I stand by it. He wanted to do it and he did. And he won and he deserved to win. That's what I have to say. My issue again isn't that you guys wanted to have new judges or whatever. That's your right, if you guys get together and you feel that there was nepotism, I mean

Ms. Hess – there's that word again. You need to stop using that word. We as a committee did not use that word.

Mrs. Nothstine – it's in the minutes

Mr. Ashley – it was reported that someone else said there

Ms. Hess – it was reported that someone said it. We here never said it.

Mr. Ashley – what she's saying is that she got a phone call and that word was used in the phone call

Ms. Gullette – it was just what was reported. Truly I don't use that word. If we could amend those minutes I would.

Ms. Richardson – tonight's meeting will be the amendment

Ms. Hess – Like I've said over and over again, no one accused you of nepotism. No one accused you impropriety in any size, shape or form. Nobody said Jack didn't deserve to win. And just like you said, Shannon, you knew something would look wrong and so we want to prevent that from every happening again by having judges that do not live in Stillwater. Then that could never happen again. And even if, I don't know how old your daughter is, I know she's older than Jack, right? Yeah, so she's not going to be a part, but if she wants to be Miss Stillwater and Rick is still doing it, I don't have any objections to the MC being a part of it. The judging is where the problem came in (Mrs. Nothstine – I wasn't a judge). Right, but we didn't know that and neither did the public. And that's the unfortunate thing.

Mrs. Nothstine – Do you guys admit that if you had come to Rick or myself this could have been solved. (Ms. Hess – sure)

Ms. Gullette – We don't, Rick you know this, we don't talk about Stillwater Day until Jan at least so it didn't come up til then.

Mrs. Nothstine – but you have seen me around, someone could have come to me.

Ms. Hess – I think it's around Feb. that we start talking about Stillwater Day

Mrs. Nothstine – the fact that you want to get other judges, fine, to avoid what.. because of a past issue

Ms. Hess – to avoid a future issue.

Mrs. Nothstine – you can't say you didn't have anything to do with that. You're saying that due to the fact that there was a bias

Ms. Hess – No no no. We did not say that. We said that there were phone calls and to avoid that from happening in the future, we would like judges from outside Stillwater so it can never be brought up again. We are not saying there was bias, we are not saying there was nepotism, we are not saying there was an impropriety in any size, shape or form. I would never, ever, and I don't think anybody on this committee would ever question yours or Rick's integrity or honesty, ever. Shannon, I've known you 15 years. We worked so well together when you were on the Rescue Squad. Not once did we ever have a problem. Never would I ever question anything you do. And Rick, I've known you 15 years and I have never would have questioned anything about an impropriety, a bias, anything, nothing. And I don't think anyone on this committee would. And I want that record straight, too.

Mrs. Nothstine – that's why I'm here, I want the record straight and I appreciate that. I'm sorry I get emotional when my kids are involved.

Ms. Hess – you should, you're a mother

Mrs. Nothstine – when you put yourself out there and you're in the community, this stuff happens and usually I let it roll off my shoulders. This one I couldn't let roll. I appreciate that you're clearing up the record. I wish we could have done it with a conversation and in the future, if anything does come up with myself, with Rick or with any of your other charitable people that you trust to put in these positions to run these things, go to them first, all right? Doesn't that make sense?

Ms. Gullette – and just so you know, not one of us has any issues with your son, not one. I have two kids myself, so you have to understand that. I understand you completely. I would hate for you to walk out of here tonight thinking that any one of us, especially me because that word with my name is on that line, so I know I'm the one you're upset with (Mrs. Nothstine – not true). But I hope you don't walk out of here thinking that any one of us thinks that your son shouldn't have won. And quite honestly,

Mrs. Nothstine – none of you were there

ALL – we were all there, we were working

Mrs. Nothstine – it is what it is and I just hope that in the future if something happens, it would be handled differently, that's all. I'm not trying to hang anyone out to dry

Ms. Gullette – well it's a new experience for us too

Mrs. Nothstine – it's ok. Like I said before, when I walk out that door, I'm still going to be in support of the Rec. Committee. This needs to be cleared up. When I saw that – it's a public record with my name, his name attached to the paragraph where you're describing a very serious charge, so try to put yourselves in my shoes. So thank you very much

Ms. Hess – So Rick, are you still stepping down, or will you continue.

Mr. Nothstine – I'm not comfortable with doing the MC'ing. How are you going to get your judges. Is someone from the committee going to get them?

Mrs. Delaney – what is your concern with getting outside judges

Mr. Nothstine – Because I'd rather be comfortable with them. Who do you have in mind?

Mr. Ashley – would you feel better if you were a part of picking the judges?

Mr. Nothstine – I just wonder how you're going to go about it.

Ms. Hess – well we have already gone to a couple of people

Mrs. Delaney – if they are reputable people in the county, would you be comfortable with them?

Mr. Nothstine – sure. But if you go to those people, I guess people will ask how did you pick them, why did you pick them. Do you know them? (Mrs. Delaney – yes) Ok then.

Mrs. Delaney – they're not Stillwater people, they don't have young children so. I just thought if they were people in the county, not necessarily in Stillwater and didn't have children in the school districts, then we're pretty much neutral

Mr. Nothstine – do these people know what's involved

Mrs. Delaney – as a matter of fact, yes. I mean, if you feel comfortable in possibly partaking in that, I don't

Ms. Richardson – could we set up a meeting possibly?

Mr. Nothstine – I'm going to need some time to think about it. (Mrs. Delaney, just know we think you do a great job at what you do.) I'm still a little miffed right not. I'm not going to throw anyone under the bus. I have to go to the judges that I have asked, that they're not doing it.

Other discussion regarding judges and the contest ensued. Mr. Nothstine will let us know by Wed. if he will continue.

Mr. Nothstine – there is no real manual how to do the contest. I will try to put together a form or some sort of a guide.

Kathy Fobes-Jacoby, 964 Mt. Holly Road, As a private citizen for this section, I don't know much about this but I think as the first pageant, it's a local community event. When you go to the Sussex County Fair, that's different and that's the big one and it should be judges from outside. But from here, it should be judges from locally. And if people have an opinion, well people always have an opinion. But I think for the local one it should be local people judging people they know. Thank you

Closed open public at 7:56 pm

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Stillwater Day

- a. vendors – we have 7 vendors so far. They are starting to come in now. The squad will do the ice cream
- b. Rizzo's Reptiles – Donna sent me an email today as to the time for Rizzo's Reptiles. We want to get a flyer and need the times. They will be 5-6pm.
- c. We have to make the schedule of times. Mrs. Delaney will make up flyers and posters that we can put up

- d. Other games – Tug of War, the Basketball set which was donated to us, dunk tank, pie eating contest, water balloons (Mrs. Delaney’s daughter offered to fill them all). There should be enough prizes left over
 - e. Magician – need to see how he will work. 4-5 strolling, show 6-7, 7-8 strolling. We will check to make sure he will break it up
 - f. Fireworks – All is ok. Just have to get the permit from the Fire Marshal
 - g. Signs and Banners – We have the 2 over the road banners. We have the engineers drawing and the permits. They should be here by Thursday. They will be in Town by General Store and one by Swartwood Fire. The signs are at my house for anyone that needs to get them up.
- B. Benches – we need to go to the DPW to assemble them. They are extremely heavy. They should be taken to the park and assemble them at the Park. Ms. Hess needs the info for the benches for the concrete to mount them.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Stillwater Park – Dave to get SLAP to do the weeds in the wood chips; however does the mowing at the field, see if we can get them to blow the grass clippings into the field and into the parking lot; two pcs. of wood around the playground – one is missing and one is lifting and needs to be addressed. The fence around the tennis court needs to be fixed. The net – there was a call that came in regarding the net. Tammy gave us two prices for nets. The co-op net is for \$63.92. Motion by Mr. Ashley, second by Mrs. Delaney to purchase the next from the co-op. Motion carried. Does the batting cage work? Mr. Manser will look into it. Parking – if we see anyone parking in the No Parking areas, please tell them to move their cars.
- B. Signs – Veteran’s Park – Ms. Hess gave Mr. Manser a message. A resident called regarding having seen cars parked in areas by the river and thinks there should be signs.
- C. Garage Sale Day – have 2 sign ups so far. The signs must be put out immediately after Stillwater Day. Date is July 18. Need to change the dates on the signs. We don’t have the budget money for new banners for Garage Sale Day. We will look into it for next year.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION - 8:40 pm – 8:42 pm

Kathy Fobes-Jacoby – Clean Communities. She is letting us know that she has been appointed the Clean Communities Coordinator. She wants to file a report on Clean Up Day. Last report was filed in 2012. Miss Hess reported that the 2015 breakdown was reported at the last meeting; the 2014 did not give us a breakdown but it was a total of over 900 lbs. ; 2013 was unable to be found.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Manser feels that the Stillwater Fire Dept. should be closer to the front at Stillwater Day. The fence needs to be put up. There was a lot of activity in and out of there last year. Limit the number of cars in and out.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Richardson reported that she spoke with the Board of Health and things are moving along. Other than the Swartwood Fire, she doesn’t know of anyone else that has put in their application. She has the forms for the Rescue Squad and Stillwater Fire has their app to be turned in. She went to Fredon Day and saw that they didn’t do anything according to the Board of Health rules. We appear to be the only Town that is following the new rules. As of now, there is Stillwater Fire doing pulled pork, potato balls, and beer; Swartwood Fire is doing hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks and the squad is doing ice cream

LIAISON REPORT

Tim Fisher – no report (he was out sick)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Gulette asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Motion by Mrs. Delaney, second by Ms. Richardson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess
Secretary