

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
11/02/15

The regular meeting of the Stillwater Township Recreation Commission was held on November 2, 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, Ms. Gullette, Ms. Hess, Mr. Manser; Ms. Richardson
Members Absent/Excused: Mrs. Delaney, Ms. Fritsch

MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Manser, that the minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting be accepted as printed.

BILLS

The following bills were presented – Mr. John, Inc. 9/23/15 10/22/15 \$450.00 Motion by Mr. Ashley, second by Ms. Richardson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Flyer for a company that “Brings the Party to you”. They have movie screens, etc. We can look into it. Dave Manser, Tami Richardson and Anthony Ashley - a letter regarding the annual filing. There is a penalty because it must be filed by June of every year.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – Agenda Items Only - 7:11 pm none

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – New business – add budget

OLD BUSINESS

1. Benches – Ms. Hess spoke with the gentleman at the company we purchased the benches from. He keeps asking the same questions. He keeps calling them 8” or 10” planks. We keep saying 9”. They are \$4.00 ea for either 8 or 10. Stillwater needs one and we need to recount the numbers at Volunteer Park. The bleacher containment fencing are brand specific. He needs to know the brand or recommends a fence company. Swapping the legs on the team benches, there is no charge for the legs but the shipping is \$220.05. We attempted to try to figure out the original order but all we can find is their quote to us which we approved. We don’t know whose mistake it actually was. We need one bench seat at Veterans which is 21’ and one at Stillwater that is 15’. Michele will keep looking into this. Motion by Mr. Manser, second by Mr. Ashley for Ms. Hess to order the two seats, postage for the legs and 60 metal end caps. Motion carried. Installation of the park benches was scheduled to be done but then it rained all week. We will do the installation in the spring.
2. Halloween Decorating – The winners were posted on the website. The pictures had not been sent as of today. We think we should change the categories and mention that it is for exterior only.
3. Playground – Ms. Gullette has some emails and is waiting for more information from them. She is trying to get everything together and maybe have a workshop to discuss. We have

about 100' x 60' available. We will be getting quotes with and without installation. See about getting volunteers but they're hard to get.

4. Pavilion – Mr. Manser mentioned that Morton does not do public work. He is going to check with Dana or Brian to see if there is someone available with the Co-op. Also, Sphere Construction does CECO buildings. We can check them.
5. Signage – Ms. Hess is working with Lynda Knott, Clerk to set up a meeting with the insurance agent, George Morville, to work on this. She is having a hard time putting it together at night. Still working on it.
6. C & V was hired at \$6000.00 from open space money to do the paving at Veterans' Park. They are trying to get it done before the weather hits.
7. Concert proceeds at corner property. We have heard nothing from the owner regarding a donation or the use of our name as them supporting us. She only stated on her flyers "supporting" the Stillwater Recreation Commission. Supposedly she listed in the NJ Herald that she was making a donation to us. We received nothing and we want to make sure that the public is informed that we never received anything. This should probably be done through the Town Committee since they are the ones that gave her approval. We need to get a copy of the article that was in the NJ Herald. This subject will be tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan for Sussex County – There was a meeting at the Town Hall at 11:30-12:30. Land Conservancy of NJ – it was an update regarding the open space plan which expires this year. Coincidentally, Stillwater's plan also expires this year. The Rec. Commission actually got to speak first and discussed our long term goals. We discussed the hopes for the donated property and making trails, gardens, fields, etc. Part of the discussion went to the State owned property along the river and how they have been working on getting some of the State land that is being overrun by vegetation. They have been planting trees, etc. They asked if we would have any objections to seeing trees being planted, etc. We, of course, said no. It would be better than the scrub and mess that the areas are in now.
2. Budget – Motion by Mr. Manser, second by Mr. Ashley to approve the budget we worked out at the workshop prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION - 7:47 pm – 8:03 pm

1. Mr. Edward Lee Hammond, 904 Maple Lane, Stillwater. Several questions – what all does the committee do for recreation? What do we have for adults? Have we thought about a Community Center? Some suggestions might be card night, TV with DVD's, Games such as bocci ball, horseshoes. These are all good suggestions and we will take it under consideration for next years scheduling. The property he owns adjacent to the Fire house which is about 38 acres, he had visions of it being used for a Community Center.. Also, he feels that this property could be used for fields, as well. The expense factor is probably way too high at this point. Last he brought up games and practices interrupting the church services at the Presbyterian Church. We explained that's not our area. That would be the school. He also asked about basketball and that again, has nothing to do with us.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Gullette does want to have a workshop to try to get this stuff discussed to get before the committee to start the process. We can also discuss the pavilion as well.

LIAISON REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Gulette asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hess
Secretary