

HAMPTON RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

[Rescheduled from April 22]

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

[Call to order]

Attending: Bob Johnson, Gordon Hansen, Juan Arriola, Kaye Johnson, Anne Flammang, Laura Petix, Gay Wagner, Troy Lake, Tara Murphy

Absent: alternates Dan Meade and Charlie Young

Also attending: Kate Donnelly, Angela Hutchins, Randy Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2/11/10 meeting)

Minutes approved 8 yes, 1 abstention (Arriola absent)

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Randy Thompson asked the Commission discuss the Selectmen's proposal to take funds from the Land Acquisition account to reimburse the general fund for last year's purchase of the site for the new town garage. Because this is a special meeting, no additions may be made to the agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Balance: \$11,082
- FORMAL INSTALLATION OF KAYE JOHNSON-TREASURER

Unanimous

- BASKETBALL/YOUTH SPORTS FINANCIAL REPORT

Incomplete, awaiting funds from Chaplin, share of tournament

OLD BUSINESS:

- BY-LAWS

Draft distributed. To be reviewed by Town Attorney and acted on at June meeting

- LITTLE RIVER MUSIC SERIES

Preliminary schedule and performers (see p. 3)

Authorization approved unanimously to purchase 4 more card tables, \$120, to replace borrowed tables owned by members

- TOWN HALL FIELDS AND FACILITIES/IMPROVEMENTS

Roger Dionne has offered to refurbish the 2 old picnic tables from the elementary school and build 2 more. \$550 approved unanimously for materials

Doug Stewart has offered to work on designing and building better bleachers that are compliant with Little League safety requirements. Town crew will remove the present deteriorated bleachers. A proposal and estimate is needed so the Commission can allocate appropriate funds.

- YOUTH SPORTS

Basketball was well attended. Tara will provide participation numbers.

Soccer registration announcement goes out early June.

Discussion of wider publicity for youth sports opportunities. Backpacking home with elementary students does not reach all Hampton children, as many children go to other

schools or are homeschooled. Announcements in town website and in Gazette will be initiated with soccer season.

Ballfield needs ongoing maintenance such as weeding, lining. Coaches have been doing this, which is consistent with town practice that event volunteers provide the prep and management needs of the programs they work on.

- **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE**

Anne Flammang and Troy Lake are co-chairs.

Orders are complete, plants will be picked up tomorrow May 6, and purchasers will pick up their orders Friday May 7, 3-7 PM.

- **MEMORIAL DAY BBQ**

Kaye Johnson is chair. Gay Wagner is overseeing kitchen, food prep, and service. Juan Arriola, Dan Meade, and Thayne Hutchins will cook the chicken.

Menu and prices will be as last year, \$8.50 for half chicken, salads, and baked goods, veggie burger for vegetarian substitute for chicken, \$4.00 for children's hot dog meal

- **PROJECTS/SUBCOMMITTEES**

Laura Petix will look into children's tea event for American Girl and other 18" dolls.

Gay Wagner requested that Commission members in charge of various activities (music series, youth sports, facilities improvements, for example) prepare budget proposals and bring them to the June meeting so that the Commission can build an organizational budget. Gay will provide a budget worksheet for members to use.

Gordon would like to see a cyclorama on the stage, a fabric screening hanging from the ceiling to create a backstage area.

Anne Flammang presented a proposal from the Flock Theatre in New London for a Hampton production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in late August. Anne will take questions raised to the troupe and there will be further discussion at the June meeting.

Tara Murphy requested the Commission discuss formalizing a partnership with Chaplin for youth sports

NEW BUSINESS

Per Laura Petix' suggestion, the Commission agreed to pay \$45 for a full-page ad in the Windham County 4H Fair program booklet (August), publicizing the availability of the Community Center for private functions, to assist the Town in increasing revenues.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wagner

Commission Secretary

Little River Series 2010-2011

SUMMER/OUTDOORS/FREE:

Willimantic Pops Orchestra
June/July. \$500/ out doors concert
Co-sponsor w/HamptonSeniors?
70 chairs + ELEC.

FREE KIDS CONCERT – DATE TBD

Maria Sangiola

LABOR DAY CONCERT MONDAY SEPT 6

NOTORIOUS – Eden Macadam-Somer & Larry Unger
Stellar guitar and fiddle music

OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER - TBD

The Providence Mandolin Orchestra
CONTEMPORARY-BAROQUE-FOLK

HOLIDAY CONCERT SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

Pioneer Valley Consort
Chamber-folk instrumentals - HOLIDAY CONCERT

ANNUAL VALENTINE’S DAY EVENT SATURDAY FEB 12

Mark and Beverly Davis and Friends

MARCH – TBD

STEVE DE CONTI – jazz guitar and piano and vocals

APRIL - TBD

Les Sampou
UP AND COMING FOLK ARTIST

MAY - TBD

The Gnomes
HAPPY WORLD DANCE MUSIC

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

The Pegheads
HIGH ENERGY ECLECTIC BLUEGRASS

Perry and the Hamp-tones
SWINGING TUNES FOR DANCIN’ AND LISTENIN’

THE BOURBON BOYS - bluegrass