

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PARKS
AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD OCTOBER 14, 2020 – 7:00PM**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the meeting was held via Zoom.

PRESENT: Chairperson Nazzaro, Members: Barry, Broer, Boyajian, Weiss (by phone) and Council Liaison Azzariti

ABSENT: Burgis

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

SUNSHINE LAW: Chairperson Nazzaro read the Sunshine Law statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Weiss moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2020, seconded by Mr. Boyajian.

All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

**Relay for Life
Thursday, 10/29/20
7 pm – 9:30 pm**

Chairperson Nazzaro invited members to comment on the application. Discussion ensued about the quantity of attendees, not wanting to set a precedent, whether police presence is required, and if there is enough lighting for event. Also there was some confusion regarding the completed forms because it is not clear as to who is sponsoring the event.

Dr. Azzariti commented that based on the comments, the forms should be revised by the applicant and perhaps the Borough Attorney should review the application as well. All in favor.

The requester appears to be a Ho-Ho-Kus resident. Ho-Ho-Kus has temporarily closed their fields due to the pandemic.

Chair Nazzaro would like to see confirmation that there is no copyright infringement and that COVID safety guidelines will be followed. Also bathrooms will not be open or accessible.

Going forward, there should be consideration about increasing clean up fee, however, fee must be in accord with Borough Code.

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If the application is approved, the organizations that already have existing permitted use have agreed that there will be no conflict with field usage. Northern Highlands Jr. Football/Cheerleading will be advised to leave 10-15 minutes earlier to avoid any traffic issues.

Mr. Barry made a motion to approve the application based on the following conditions:

- 1) Borough Attorney review;
- 2) Set up and tear down time be included on the application;
- 3) Revise application so that applicant/responsible party is uniform throughout all forms;
- 4) Saddle River included as additional insured on Certificate of Liability Insurance
- 5) COVID waivers must be completed;
- 6) Bathrooms will not be open
- 7) Evidence satisfying no copyright infringement by showing movie in public

Mr. Broer seconded the motion.

AYES: Nazzaro, Barry, Broer, Boyajian,

NAYS: Weiss

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burgis

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for Use of Park Facility. The new form was reviewed and will be sent to borough attorney for review. The new form states that applications be submitted 45 days in advance of field use (as opposed to the current 60 days' notice).

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Nazzaro will follow up with Administrator Giaimis about the condition of tennis courts.

Signage for tennis court was discussed. Language like "Courts Change on the Hour" and/or "No more than 1 hr. of play when others are waiting" were suggested.

Regarding downed trees in the Saddle River, DPW Superintendent is aware of the situation but it is precarious when there is any obstruction to water flow because the DEP must get involved. It is a situation that is a work in progress and won't be forgotten.

With respect to the condition of the tennis courts, Chair Nazzaro will request that 3 quotes be obtained by December 31st. This led to a discussion regarding the budget for Parks and Recreation. There should be more transparency about the budget and the commission should know how the money is distributed and how it is spent. Chair

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Nazzaro will follow up with CFO about the budget and Dr. Azzariti asked to be included in the email and discussions. He suggested including the budget as a discussion item on future agendas.

The members would like to be notified and included in any matters that affect the park. Especially items that are purchased for the park. There seems to be confusion regarding monies appropriated for DPW services vs. the monies allocated for Parks and Rec Commission.

Chair Nazzaro said that the next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2021. She will request information from borough officials and disseminate to the members prior to that meeting. If needed, a special meeting will be called prior to 2021.

Mr. Weiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adjourn at 7:51 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kirkpatrick, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission