

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PARKS
AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 – 7:00PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

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

ABSENT: Boyajian

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 March 11, 2020, seconded by Mr. Barry.

All in favor.

Chairperson Nazzaro welcomed Dr. Azzariti to the group advising that he is replacing former Councilman DeRosa as Council Liaison.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

**Christine Flatt
August – November 2020
Mon-Fri 6 am – 7:15 am**

Chairperson Nazzaro explained that this application was denied by the Commission via an email vote on July 31, 2020 because the members wanted to see evidence of a 501(c)(3). The applicant did not provide the necessary documentation and the matter was not pursued.

**Highlands Travel Baseball
8/31/20 to 11/15/20
Mon-Fri 4 pm – 9 pm
Saturday 8 am – 9 pm
Sunday 10 am – 9 pm**

Chairperson Nazzaro pointed out that cheer is using field C on Saturdays and softball uses baseball diamonds A & B on Sundays which conflicts with this application. Brief discussion ensued.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 – 7:00PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the Highlands Travel Baseball application with the following stipulations:

1. On Sundays the applicant would have to wait until 12 noon due to softball utilizing the field; and
2. Cannot use Field C on Saturdays because cheer is using

Mr. Barry seconded the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Barry will reach out to soccer to see if they intend to file an application for field usage during the fall season.

Mr. Broer mentioned that 3 or 4 trees fell into the river at the northwest end of Rindlaub Park and it would be good if those trees could be removed. Chairperson Nazzaro responded that DPW is aware of the situation, however, there are strict rules enforced by the NJDEP when it comes to disturbing waterways. She will speak to the Superintendent about it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Burgis asked for a status update on the tennis courts. Chairperson Nazzaro explained that due to COVID and intensive cleaning efforts by DPW, they did not have the time to attend to the needs of the tennis courts. However, she was advised by the Superintendent that the courts will be ready for Spring 2021.

Some members found that access to the courts was limited and Chairperson Nazzaro will check with Administrator Giaimis to find out if non-residents can be excluded from public access. Tennis etiquette usually provides for 1 hour of play while others are waiting.

Security methods at the courts were discussed with the possibility of a swipe system. Permits, while cheaper, are more difficult to enforce.

Dr. Azzariti suggested getting confirmation from the Administrator as to what grounds the tennis courts would be exempt from non-residential use. Mrs. Burgis pointed out that it depends on how the Borough accepted the grant and whether or not recreation was stipulated in the grant application. Chairperson Nazzaro seems to recall that the courts were considered a "facility" rather than "park land." She will reach out to the Administrator for clarification.

The members agreed that signage should be installed by the courts. Mrs. Burgis will take pictures of signs from other municipalities to assist with wording.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one from the Public was present.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PARKS
AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 – 7:00PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Broer moved to close the meeting;
seconded by Mrs. Burgis with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kirkpatrick, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission