

**Hightstown Parks & Recreation Commission**

**MINUTES FROM April 10, 2014 MTG**

I. Call to Order Chairperson

II. Statement of compliance (NJ Open Meetings Act: 10:4:1 et seq.)

III. Attendance Chairperson

Commissioners

Pat Duncan, Chair	
Michelle Jordan, Vice Chair	
Kim Boknoski, Secretary	
Gary Grubb	
Stacey Judge, Secretary	
Jason Taylor	
Mike Sheenan	
Logan Hiers-Evans	

IV. Approval of Minutes **3/10/14 Minutes approved**

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Public Comment –

VII. Budget Update - **\$15,866 in big budget; \$1,100 bill for gazebo lumber to NE lumber needs to be paid, approximately \$14,700 left in budget**

VII. Committee Reports –

A. Parks

i. Dawes –Stacey **Public Works to install slide when they can**

ii. Association – Michelle

**Benches New one delivered; to be installed in the next few weeks**

iii. Memorial – Pat

**Parcel Next to Boat Ramp Pat to follow up with Pastor Bruce about parcel of land**

**and if we can use it for temp structure**

iv. Rocky Brook – Gary/Logan (including Community Garden)

Ice Skating Rink

Skate park idea Discussion of money that has been put into account for the skate park. Approval for Pat to ask council if we can move it back to Future Parks and Rec account to avoid maintenance fees (approx. \$500/yr) at May 17 council meeting; Question posed about money that has been donated for skate park specifically. Can we use it for other programs - general consensus is yes, as it will be used for Parks programs. Skate park still on the table, however.

Approval of \$316.68 for materials to complete walking trail—approved

Clean up - Gary A big success and more Peddie kids would like to participate in another cleanup/repair of walkway; Need to finish walkway.

Big Max - could we reinforce frame and use? Need to clean the inside, what do we want to do with the contents? Mike suggested some be sold for scrap metal; a lot of contents were donated to the firehouse and stored in there. Gary and Mike to move forward with looking at contents and potentially starting cleanup

Dog Run - keep this on the agenda as a possibility; Kim to ask Debbie S. about fencing and if we have a state contract. What is approximate cost to install? Need to measure out a potential footprint

B. Walking Bridge – Gary/Pat –Moving forward with bidding

C. Development and Grants – Michelle/ Jason

D. Programs, Music and Events –

Update on Summer Concerts – Kim A few bands booked and would like to include a Latin trio and kids' band: School of Rock (Princeton); Kim working with Bev to finalize. Stacey brought up idea of Food Truck night. Kim liaison for Kerrie Peterson and kids' Shakespeare in the Park — would like to potentially use the gazebo for 3-day performance at the end of the program.

Charity Basketball April 26 at the High school would like it if you could make it

Tickets are on sale now and only \$10.00 or \$30 for VIP.

E. Playground – Michelle

F. Programs & Recreation – Stacey/Jason

G. Paddle Boats – Pat See above; Pat to follow up with Pastor Bruce

H. Triathlon

Colors **Midnight blue!** Have all sponsors secured and waiting on final approval of Title Sponsor - Princeton Wellness Center

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business •

Elizabeth Lanphear, Gold Award Project a survey of the trees. **More of an Environmental Commission project, but Gary helping to identify trees for student project**

Park Permits

Unidad Latina Accion Event on May 3rd; No insurance because they don't have a 501(c) status; Pat advised to look into costs for next year. Park permit approved.

Paws Walk Park permit approved for 9/13 8am-4pm, approximately 150 ppl

First United Methodist Park permit approved for event 6/1, 100-120 ppl for church picnic.

MISC.

Motion to approve bags of fertilizer for Association Park for use by Gary; Approximate cost \$150.

Group presented with Volunteer recognition certificates by councilman Rob Thibeau