Recreation Commission Meeting
May 12, 2015

The regular scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Recreation Commission was held in the Hamlin Town Hall at 1658 Lake Rd., Hamlin, NY. The meeting was called to order by at Brandon Niedzwiecki 7:03 P.M.

PRESENT:

Anke Applebaum	
Nicole Cring	Jason Baxter
Karl Burroughs	
Brandon Niedzwiecki	Jenifer Goodrich

EXCUSED: **ABSENT:**

GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brandon to approve the amended March minutes and the April minutes and seconded by Nicole.

YOUTH GROUP REPORT:

4/25 The Royals went to Rock Ventures and 6 members attended.
5/2 The Royals attended the I Love My Park event at Hamlin Beach and there were 4 members in attendance.
5/5 The Royals had their monthly meeting.
5/23 The Royals will be going back to Rock Ventures.
Throughout the end of May and June, members will be assisting at the concession stand.

BOARD LIAISON COMMUNICATION:

Jason and Jennifer stated that last night's meeting was pretty uneventful. A public hearing was held May 11 at 6:45 to amend the local law for the use of A - frame signs. The law will now allow a single A-frame, removable sign to be placed either on the property for which the advertising is intended, or with the written consent of the owner on another property. Jennifer said that there is a meeting with the Town Board, Anke and the Hamlin Hornets to go over the upcoming contract. The Town Board stated they felt that the Commission didn't need to be at the meeting. Nicole said she would be willing to attend the meeting as she was on the Commission when Clayton first approached the department to bring Pop Warner to Hamlin. Jennifer said she would email the Town Board members and get back to her.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Anke reported that she and Steve looked at the 2 Gators that were available for purchase and the one they chose should be delivered shortly. The Before and After School program has begun making homemade snack and the kids are really enjoying it. Baseball and Soccer teams have begun practicing and games are beginning this week for baseball and the week of May 25th for soccer. Due to high number of Tiny Tot soccer participants the program had to caped early because it is a staff run program and they didn't have enough staff. Brandon and Jennifer asked if the program had to be staff driven or if parents could help coach. Anke said she would look into if parents could help run the program. The Community garden planting has begun and most of the vegetables will be planted later this month. At the end of April, Erin and Anke attended the 75th annual conference of the New York State Recreation and Parks Society. During the event Hamlin Recreation received an award for best Face book page and best event for School of Screams. After email the town Lawyer Anke found that there is no conflict of interest in being a member of the Recreation Commission and being a member of the Friends of Hamlin Parks & Recreation. Also, the amount of meetings the Commission needs to have annually is set by the Commission and there is no minimum amount mandated. Anke is highly encouraging the present Recreation Commission (and liaisons) to also form a Friends group, and that they meet bi-monthly for both groups. Anke asked if any of the Commissioner's would like to help out in the concession stand next week as they will be short staffed a couple of days. Brandon said he would be able to help out on Tuesday.

NOTIFICTION OF MONTHLY EXPENSES SUBMITTED FROM RESPECTIVE FUNDS:

Administrative-7020.2:	**$ 298.48**
Administrative-7020.4	**$ 156.66**
Youth – 7130.4:	**$ 460.89**
Playground/Rec-7140.4:	**$ 2607.34**
7140.41	**$ 0.00**
7140.2	**$ 1485.12**

TOTAL $ 5008.49
Refunds-2001.00A: $ 220.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Brandon asked Jason and Jennifer where we stand as far as interviewing for the position that had been previously advertised for. They reported that because the deadline had closed the ad would need to be run again. The Town Board did not make a motion to approve a Facebook posting for the vacant seats, because the The Town of Hamlin's policy is to first post in The Herald. Once the ad is run the Hamlin Recreation Commission would also be able to advertise for the two open positions on alternative outlets such as Facebook, Penny Saver, etc. At last month's Town Board meeting Councilperson Goodrich asked Anke what she felt the Commission's function was and how it was useful to her. Jason and Jennifer stated that the Town Board is still unsure of the need to have a Commission. Nicole stated that she is on the Soccer fields Tuesday's, Thursday's and some Saturday's and there have been numerous times she has had to handle issues on the field such as smoking on the field, parents yelling at coaches, coaches yelling at each other and questions from parents. Over the summer the Town Clerk forwarded an upset community member to Nicole because it had to do with the noise level for one of the programs. Karl and Brandon have both been out on the baseball fields and have relationships with the coaches as well as many of the parents. When the Commissioner's are on the field they wear their shirts so that they are visible. Regardless of being there as a "parent" or observer they are always there as a Commissioner. Nicole questioned whether those field duties would be taken on by members of a Friends of Hamlin Recreation group that is not yet organized, or Town Board Members. Jason and Jennifer stated they didn't realize that the Commissioners have had to handle those kinds of issues and suggested that the Commission put in writing those things and submit it to the Board. Brandon stated that he would send the Town Board a letter requesting an ad be run for the vacant seats as well as a statement describing what the Commission does, and how we positively affect the town and department.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Karl asked Anke if the department had a rake to drag the fields with because the dirt is rock hard. As far as Anke knows they do not. Karl and Brandon said maybe they could rig something up and go out and fix the fields.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advertising dates for the Commission openings were discussed. Pending Town Board Approval, the advertisement would run from June 1, 2015 for one week with a deadline date for applications being June 30, 2015. Anke would place the opening on the Recreation Facebook page during the 6/1-6/30 time frame. It is the hope to have the Commission recommendations for the vacant seats to the Town Board for their July meeting.

At the July meeting the Commission By-Laws will be looked at and amended to reflect the change in the Senior Coordinator's status.

The June meeting will be a Friend's Of Hamlin Parks and Recreation meeting.

- **The next Commissioner's meeting will be July 14, 2015 at 8:00PM.**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Brandon at 8:44pm to adjourn the regular meeting, and seconded by Karl.

Minutes taken by Nicole Cring