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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Regina Hawley-Keelen, Chairwoman

# MINUTES – November 21, 2019 REGULAR MEETING BOROUGH HALL, 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 PM

Regina Hawley-Keelen called the meeting to order.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Regina Hawley-Keelen, Brandon Raper

APPROVALS OF MINUTES:

No quorum.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & INVOICES:**

There were no invoices submitted and no new correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tania Gilpatrick was present to discuss her proposal for an Assistant Coach Program for Recreation Basketball. Tania would like to recruit older children, possibly 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, to assist the coaches with the younger less experienced players. They could also assist with practice and game set up. Regina said that she had a similar idea with Summer Recreation and recruited older kids to be Counselors in Training (CITs) and recommended that we refer to these older kids as Coaches in Training. Tanya said she was thinking of recruiting 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders because she doesn't want to take away from the younger kids' learning experience. Brandon said he thinks this would teach older kids to be mentors, and teach them good leadership skills. Regina said it was an awesome idea, and she would talk to Rich Colangelo about it. Regina asked Christine to ask Adam if the Counselors in Training should be AED and CPR certified. Regina gave this proposal the go-ahead and said that it could also possibly be carried to the Fall Soccer program.

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT: The Leo's Club will be helping out with the Tree Lighting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### PROGRAM/EVENTS:

- 1. Basketball- Sign-ups for basketball are going well with 84 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and 30 kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders signed up to date. Arrangements are being finalized for use of the gym at Atlantic Highlands Elementary School.
- 2. Tree Lighting- The tree lighting will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the harbor, then immediately following at Borough Hall. Regina has reached out to Chris Morrisy to arrange for him to play music, and has arranged for candy canes, cookies, and hot chocolate to be handed out. Regina asked Christine to contact Gordon who plays Santa Claus and confirm that he is available this year. Santa will be coming to town between 4:30 and 5:00 at the First Aid building. The HHRS chorus will not be available to sing this year, and Christine is waiting for a response from AHES. Jacqui Hillman will be present to help coordinate; Regina is not available that night.
- 3. Home Decorating Contest-Regina asked Christine to put a clipboard at the front counter for sign ups, and to put information on the website and electronic board. Judging will be December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and the winner will be contacted by telephone.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting and Event Dates: The meeting and event dates for 2020 were approved. There will be no July or August meeting in 2020.

#### ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.