

**HEMPFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, March 20, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Hempfield Parks & Recreation Commission held at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building was called to order by President Scott Gordon at 5:40 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commission Members in Attendance: *Mr. Scott Gordon, President*
 Mr. Jay Smeltzer, Secretary
 Mr. Jeff Colello, member
 Mr. Robert McDonald, member

Staff Members in Attendance: *Dean Minerva, Director*
 Patrick Karnash, Facility Manager
 Erma Draskovich, Secretary

Visitors in Attendance: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jay Smeltzer moved to accept the minutes as written from the January Commission Meeting. Robert McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Robert McDonald stated that his name was not in the minutes as being present at the January meeting, but he was present).

HEARING OF CITIZENS—None

CORRESPONDENCE—

1. A letter was received from Theodore Johnson requesting gratis use of Pavilion D on June 12, 2008 for Caravan #8. This group is from Hempfield Township and are fund raisers for the Syria Children’s Hospital.
2. A letter was received from Sandra Martin, Learning for Life Coordinator, requesting gratis use of Pavilion A and D on May 14, 2008. This group serves over three hundred special needs children on this day. The program includes hands on activities, life and social skills, and lunch.

Jay Smeltzer moved to grant both these gratis requests. Robert McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—None

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Dean Minerva, Director of Parks and Recreation—(see attached report)
- b. Patrick Karnash, Facility Manager—(see attached report)

COMMITTEE REPORTS—None

SCHOOL REPORT—

Robert McDonald that the School Board is working on the new budget. Renovations on baseball field are on hold because of budget.

LOCAL GROUP REPORT—None

NEW BUSINESS—

- a. Recreation Commission Task Force—non public meeting (work session) to be held the third Thursday of every other month at 6:00 pm. The month there is not a regularly scheduled Commission Meeting there will be a Task Force meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss various issues such as: where best to use Senator Regola's grant money for recreation, possibly expanding Swede Hill facility to accommodate pre-school programs presently held at the municipal building, changing fees for programs, new program ideas, etc. Dean will then report these recommendations to the Supervisors at their meeting.

- b. It was questioned why recreation does not offer a Girls Traveling BSK team like we do for the boys. Dean explained that he has tried several times to have this but the numbers were not there. He would need at least 50 to register and the most he ever got was 22 and that was not enough.

President Scott Gordon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved by Robert McDonald and seconded by Jeff Colello to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. The motion carried.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, May 22, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY