

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2017**

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES: The Special Events Committee is an advisory committee to the Township Committee. Discussions and motions made at this meeting are understood to be recommendations only and dependent on the consideration of the Township Committee for approval.

The meeting of the Township of Ocean's Special Events Committee was held on the above date and time. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeanne Broadbent.

Chair Jeanne Broadbent asked for the roll call.

ROLL CALL :

Members Present: Georgette Boden Jeanne Broadbent Pat Eppolito
 Rita Sweeney Jeff VonSchmidt

Members Absent: Gina Schreier, Debra Woods

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rita Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes from our May 9, 2017 and Georgette Boden seconded it. (Ayes) All in Favor

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary stated she had drafted thank you letters to the performers and volunteers that are not on our committee. List is attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

RECAP OF FOUNDER'S DAY:

STAGE AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Georgette - stated that she felt the entertainment went well, little tight because of squeezing some people in. She thought Wet Metal Band kept people there until late in the afternoon .

Rita - the people seemed to really enjoy them

Chair- heard comments that they liked the school kids with Mr. Connor.

Georgette - felt it was good for them to go on early.

Stated that she was pleased that everyone showed up on time.

Jeff - Mr. Connor is looking to expand his performance next year with more Instruments, etc.

Discussion took place as to what we could do a little different for next year. Georgette stated especially the 9:00 – 9:15 slot . One thing she suggested we could have the opening ceremony at 9:30 instead of 10:00. That would give the scheduling a little more time.

VENDORS:

Jeff - Parking was fantastic. They were lined up just like solders it was awesome.

Rita - There were no complaints

Rita- Vendors stated they were a little disappointed because people were not buying.

Chair - It used to be that people used to complain that they were not on the kids field, it looked like most of the traffic was on the kids field and those vendors did extremely well. The two ice cream trucks did fantastic, only complaint she got was that there were not enough food vendors. There were two food vendors paid but did not come so there was not enough of a variety.

Rita - Mentioned that the coffee guy was hard to find. Good coffee but you could not tell he had coffee.

Chair - Said she would try to get more food vendors next year.

Jeff - Suggested that we sell coffee, maybe until about 10:00

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- Pat & Rita - Maybe bagels, donuts or muffins also.
- Chair - We have plenty of coffee pots and she could talk the girls, her Barnegat people she has a trailer with electric and power they could sell it out of there. Move them to the stage area.
- Police - Loved their location and want to be there again next year.
- Cert - Did not like their location.
- Chair and committee – suggested that they should be up next to the First Aid Squad
- Rita - Asked if we could get another plant person? Chair stated that she had two plant vendors.
- Georgette - Stated that the women with annual plants did not do well at all.
- Chair - Lularue Vendor did extremely well
- Chair - Stated that the price we charge for our spots is reasonable

Discussion took place as to why other towns get more people than we do:

- Location ?
- Can We - Shut down street?
- Use Parking lots?
 - How about road and parking lot
 - Township parking lot and down and around to school parking lot

Problem being that there is a baseball tournament at same time.

Chair said that to deal with what we have we could get more room if we move the stage to the side.

Overall committee felt that it went very well this year.

JELLO EATING CONTEST:

Not a success at all. Many children came up to sign up for cupcake eating and when they found out it was jello they turned away.

Chair said that we will go back to cupcakes next year.

Pie Eating contests?

CUPCAKE DECORATING:

It was awesome. That was the most that we have had. They really did a great job.

Chair said that she would like to get challenges going for the adults. Teachers versus each other, fireman's wives against policemen's wives. Something like that.

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Discussion of Pie Baking Contests or Cake?

Chair stated that there is no meeting next month.

August meeting will be all about the Hayride. Date of Hayride is October 13th and 14th

HOOKED ON FISHING AND CRABBING CONTEST

Chair stated that it went very well, she had lots of prizes. Coast Guard Auxiliary they donated some prizes, Creekside Fishery stayed for the contest, donated some of the prizes, Spencer donated some of the prizes so the kids did very well.

DRIVE IN MOVIE

We had about 80 to 100 people, 22 or 23 cars. People seemed to like the show. Started about 9:15 and it was an hour and a half movie so it was over about 10:45. They thanked us for doing it so it will grow. Maybe next year but in the fall because the bugs are a problem in the summer.

Chair asked if anyone had anything else.

Seeing none.

Chair asked for a motion to close.

Rita Sweeney made a motion to close and Pat Eppolito seconded it. All in Favor

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lydia M. Dodd
Recording Secretary
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