

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2019**

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.

Chairperson asked who needed to be sworn in. All members who needed to be were sworn in.

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 welcomed our new members and had everyone introduce themselves.

Chair Jeanne Broadbent asked for the roll call.

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NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

Chair asked for a motion for Vice Chair:

Jeanne Broadbent made the motion for Rita Sweeney to be named as Vice Chair, Glenys Balderstone seconded it and the Committee agreed with AYE unanimously.

ROLL CALL :

Members Present: Glenys Baulderstone Jeanne Broadbent Judith Dodd
 Barry Helsehein Hal Polon Rita Sweeney
 Jeffrey VonSchmidt Kelly Zuzic

Members Absent: Dawn Corlew, Pat Eppolito, Aundrea Munt,
 Debra Woods

Ken Baulderstone, Township Committeeman was also present.

MEETING DATES

Chair mentioned that the hayride next year is October 4th and 5th and as a result, she recommends we add a meeting September 24th so there’s a meeting 10 days out from the event, yet keep the 8th as a recap, and to speak about Christmas tree lighting. Chair asked for a motion to approve the list of meeting dates for the year 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair asked for motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018. Rita made the motion, Hal seconded it.

ROLL CALL/MINUTES:

Glenys Baulderstone Jeanne Broadbent Judith Dodd Barry Helsehein
Hal Polon Rita Sweeney Jeffrey Von Schmidt

*Dawn Corlew, absent

Minutes approved

All in favor, AYE. **MINUTES:**

The minutes of October 10, 2018 were approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST:

Chair also asked for everyone to introduce themselves. Every member present received a copy of the list of members’ information, Chair asked everyone to look it over to make sure all of their information was correct. Kelly Zuzic added a cell number to her contact information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair stated she was not here for snowman party.

SNOWMAN PARTY FEEDBACK:

Everyone that was there thought it was a huge success. Children had a great time. Tree lighting was very nice with the addition of the singer and the help of WBNJ's sound system and he also recorded it so he could put it on the air. Mrs. Baulderstone made mention that the DJ was terrific, and the children danced more than ever before. Mr. Polon commented that Danny did a nice thing with the UMC Singing Signers light the tree.

HOUSE DECORATION CONTEST:

Chair stated the winners of the House Decoration Contest:

Chair stated we had 29 houses that we judged. Tie for first place, and they've been invited to the Township Meeting to receive their awards. Tie for first place, was on social media. 52 Johnson, 21 Spruce. 20 Pennsylvania was second. 8 Spruce was third. 28 and 25 Spruce were Honorable Mention. A great time was had by all, hoping more committee members will attend next year. This year there were a lot of houses decorated. Chair mentioned in the Fall, there is a Halloween Decorating contest, as well. Mrs. Baulderstone liked the idea that the houses were listed so people could get out to see and enjoy them..

NEW BUSINESS:

SNOWMAN CONTEST:

Hopefully a Nixle can go out because there's supposed to be a snowstorm. Tell your neighbors, friends. Take a picture, email us the picture with your address and email, and you're entered. You can enter as often as you want. Creativity wins, Chairman asked that we spread the word, Chair stated that there is a snowman contest and anyone of any age can enter. We encourage families and businesses to enter. The contest runs from November 1st, to until March 1st. All you have to do is take a picture of your snowman (and it doesn't have to be a snowman, it can be anything i.e.: dragon, dog, penguin, etc.) with at least one of the builders in the photo it can be dropped off at the Recreation Office or emailed to the address on the address on the flyer. It must have the names, address and phone number and date the snowman was built. As of this date we only have 4 entries so far.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Palm Sunday, at our March meeting we will have more details and get our list of helpers. Volunteers are needed in the summer to help bury the eggs, @10am. People arrive around 12:15. First hunt is at 1, children are broken up into age groups. All children get a

snack, a drink, Seaview Orthopedics and TD bank have already been solicited for pail/shovel, and coloring books. Easter bunny there for pictures. Second group is at 2:15

Volunteers appreciated.

Wine Festival – April 27th and 28th. Check Groupon for pre -tickets This group doesn't do much for it other than solicit attendees. New for this year, if you're not drinking you're charged \$5 to enter. We will have the shuttle bus from the school. Offsite parking unless you're handicapped. Typically 1500-2000 tickets for the 2 days. Its from 12-5.

FOUNDER'S DAY:

Handed out vendor forms, already gotten vendors. To recap:

Ocean County Tourist Magazine, all events have been posted for the year Already spoke to TD bank and Seaview orthopedics. An email to Ocean County parks and rec to reserve the stage for that day. Haven't heard back, doubt it will be a problem. Sent out email to Rob Connor with the school district so the band and chorus can be on the stage. He said he needs an hour this year to set up. So one entertainer is already confirmed. Fireworks, the resolution to approve the tech company is on tomorrow's agenda. T and K marine will donate their barge this year again. Reserved all the tents, tables and chairs. This year we will have three tents of the same size this year. Vendors to date: Scentsy, craft, Food Vendor - an ice cream truck.

Non- profit: RAT radio, as long as they don't get a paying gig to go remote, they will be here. Coast Guard Aux who brought the boat last year will be here. Animal rescue league has confirmed they will be here. As far as the entertainment, we have a couple of committees if you can assist, or know contacts we love the help.

Bill Clanton Is normally our emcee and they coordinate the music, etc. Singers, we are usually looking for free entertainers. Whenever possible, we want local children and adults who want to perform, to sing. Paige has been doing our National Anthem for a while, I have to check and see if she is available for the event this year. Already left msg for Bob Padavano for American Legion Colour Guard. I will have a copy at next meeting of old stage we had last yr. Police department would like to move their location. They are usually on field 5. Chief would prefer to be centrally located. So where the township committee tent, and the boy scouts...between the two sections. This will cause a logistical issue, so we will work around it.

Chair asked if anyone wants to help with stage entertainment this year. Kelly said she will assist with that. Hal said he would do the handicapped lot. Barry said he would help with the booth in the front.

Chair stated that we would be getting rid of the eating contests. Mrs. Baulderstone agreed. We had no pets for that contest last year, and only about 5 cupcake decorating entrants, so we will pull them off the agenda and table them for this year.

Maybe there's something we would like to add to Founder's Day. An art contest was suggested, as was a pizza eating contest. Glenys Baulderstone inquired if we could survey the children at school to see what they would like. Rita commented that there is a choking risk.

If an art contest, chair asked for a theme?
Mariners? (school)

Polon said it would pull a different pool of contestants than an eating contest, and give people a chance.

“Waretown, nature's playground”? – Rita Sweeney

Possibly have different categories, like photography, painting. Maybe Artwork in general, and see what we get?

Elementary, Middle/HS, Others – Ken Baulderstone suggested

Chair wondered if we could get the Art teacher involved, so they do the art in school; and if they wanted to enter, bring it that day.

Chair also discussed how an award would be given, and what it would be. ie: calendar, facebook page, giftcard. Chair indicated she'd have something by the next meeting for Special Events Committee to look over regarding awards.

Rita Sweeney suggested that we should have something ON that day that they could enter. Maybe a talent show(?) Something that wouldn't need props. Chairman will ask Bill Clanton if this could work on “the fly” regarding music cues, etc.

Chairman asked that committee think of other things that the children could do on that day.

Still have to work on the parameters of the “Waretown, Nature's Playground” theme. Jeff VonSchmidt indicated that he would speak to Dr. Lommerin so a class could potentially be dedicated to this contest. Chairman said she would send a flyer home with the school children once all the information is ready.

Kelly Zuzic mentioned seeing a book at the Dr.' office that had artwork, etc in it; and suggested it would be a good idea that a book be created with all the submissions, and put in the Waretown library.

Chairman suggested that possibly a showing at the Library, as well. See if an art show could be arranged. Glynis Baulderstone stated we should get a date, now.

Hal Polon suggested a hot dog eating contest. Chairman said she would ask the Firemen, and see if they would “sponsor” that. It would have to be for adults, because of the choking hazard.

Chairman said if there were to be an eating contest, that ice cream would be a good one. If we could get soft serve donated.

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Chair asked for a motion to close.

Hal Polon made a motion to close and Rita Sweeney seconded it. All in Favor

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Naomi E. Madison
Recording Secretary