

TEWKSBURY EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday September 15, 2016

The Tewksbury Equestrian Committee met on the above date in the municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM, a roll call was held and a quorum was established.

Present: Loren Spiotta-DiMare (LSD), Anya Mulhauser (AM), Kelly Gordon (KG)
Melissa Caikoski was absent and no one from the public was in attendance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

LSD opened the meeting by announcing that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Police/Administration building bulletin board, and that a copy was faxed to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and that it was filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Flag Salute

The American flag was saluted.

Minutes of Meeting July 14, 2016

LSD moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 14, 2016. Those present approved the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Brochure

LSD received a quote from Shana Goodchild for 500 more brochures to be printed at a cost of \$139. All voted in favor.

Fence At Christie Hoffman Park Inquiry

Previously, AM was approached by a rider and asked if the township would consider a barrier between the road and the field that would deter loose horses from running into the street, thereby providing safety to all. LSD indicated she inquired about whom to contact and it should be the Land Use Committee. AM will share the information.

Trail Pace

LSD will have a private table but will also distribute TEC brochures. KG plans to attend and assist from 9-12. KG also plans to bring carrots to put in a container. Reimbursement should be by submission of the receipt to Shana Goodchild.

Township Website

KG indicated that the TEC section of the township website has been updated.

Welcome Buckets

The TEC will update the current list of horse related merchants, vets, feed supply stores etc. that is included in the bucket. Members are encouraged to bring merchant ideas to the next meeting.

CART

LSD continues her pursuit to get a response from someone at CART. She invited a Vet Tech to attend tonight's meeting but did not receive a response. Still has not been able to get in touch with the NJ Dept of Agriculture Large Animal Rescue Training.

Loose Horse Capture Buckets

MC is waiting to hear back from the Chief of Police about their willingness to have the buckets in each police cruiser. If he agrees she will assemble the buckets with leads, halters and non-perishable horse treats.

Banner

The 2 x 5 banner was designed, ordered and purchased by AM for a cost of \$39.52.

Equine Emergency List

LSD will follow up again with Roberta about the procedure to report a lost, loose or injured horse and how the response is handled and communicated to authorities. LSD will email KG the original wording about the list and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

Recorded Property Searches

Shana Goodchild has not sent records of property sales in a while. LSD will contact her to begin again so that KG can assess the properties to determine if a welcome bucket should be delivered to the new owner(s). All agreed that funds should be spent as we see fit when necessary. KG will ask Bevals and Dover if they would like to contribute a gift certificate(s).

Public Events

The brochure, along with horse treat gifts, will be distributed to promote awareness of the TEC to the community at the Tewksbury Harvest Festival 9/24. KG will have a table for Leaf Realtors and will distribute brochures and horse treat bags that will be prepared by AM. LDS will check if she is available to attend also.

Jumps at Christie Hoffman Park

LSD will speak with Patty Clucas to check on the condition of the jumps.

Publicity/Sharing Information

LSD will check with the Tewksbury Times to see if we can add information about riding safety during hunting season; to inform that we had a presence at the Trail Pace and Harvest Festival; are actively looking to expand membership base; and the TEC's impact on the community and increase visibility by participating in local events.

Hunting Season Safety

LSD will check about hunting season duration and hours so that we can share the information with the public.

Budget Status

LSD will check with Shana Goodchild about the remaining funds in the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM by motion of LSD. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 3 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anya Muhlhauser, for
Melissa Caikoski
Tewksbury Township Equestrian Committee
Secretary