

The October 11, 2018 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:30pm.

Present

President K. Barnes
V. President O. Dittamo
D. Alvino
T. Mele
M. Pascucci
N. Ricca
J. Mancinelli
D. Andriani

Absent

D. Palazzo

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Donna Alvino seconded it.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani stated the Health Fair will be held on October 20th from 10am to 1pm at the PAL building. The equipment at Kennedy Park has been installed and the equipment for the PAL park has been ordered. Both are being funded through two individual grants. Game Time sponsors the grants and is offering an opportunity to get more equipment through grants by purchasing more equipment. The town puts out an initial amount and then a certain percent will be granted back to us by matching what we spent. A good opportunity to get more and more equipment not totally funded by the town. Bogert Street park, Riverview park, and Washington Park School park have been appraised to see what is needed. Padding which is very expensive is needed at all parks. A parking lot is being completed near Memorial School on Totowa Road and Williams Place. Debbie Andriani also reported that the town recently bought the house across the street from Washington Park School, the Hollis house. This house is a historical landmark and the town plans to keep it as that. Debbie also reported a new police officer has been hired, he completed the academy on his own and he is from Pequannock.

Correspondence

None

Financial

The current balance is \$40,445.68-some open invoices

Citizens to be Heard

Carla Grant asked if we could run a trip to a Devils game this year? We will look into it. She also questioned why it seems WPS field is not utilized-it was explained to her that it is the property of the Board of Education, not the town's. Kristin Karam brought information about a fundraiser with the Harlem Wizards.

She stated she has reached out to other organizations. Where she teaches in River Edge, they held a fundraiser with them and everyone had a great time. She and Lisa Britting both had them at their schools. We explained the Board of Recreation cannot have fund raisers but possibly she can reach out to the PAL or PTO. If they do the fundraiser, Board of Recreation could always just help out.

Personnel

No report

Field and Grounds

Tom Mele stated at Kennedy, 1st and 3rd baseline, we still need some kind of fencing protection. The soccer field looks great. Mickey Pascucci reported that at the PAL, lights are still hanging and clay has washed onto the pavers. The latch to the tennis courts is still broken. Kevin Barnes will email Jim Niland, DPW to take the tennis court nets down and lock the courts as of November 1st for the winter season.

At Minnisink, two lights are out on the PSE&G poles.

Permits

No new permits have been requested. A permit was issued to the Elks for a soccer shootout they held at Minnisink.

Pool

Reimbursements are still being sent out to pool members for the pool closing early. The ice cream left there and not used was brought to the library and used.

Old Business

John Mancinelli will meet soon with Don Cerrone to schedule summer concerts. A new idea is being considered to hold the concerts under the overhang at the municipal building so we can have them rain or shine. Possibly looking into a portable stage like the one Wayne uses. We are looking for a kids band and bands that play current music.

New Business

Tree Lighting will be held December 7th. John will get two characters again to walk around. Mayor and Council pays for the cookies. Cynthia's donated all cookies and hot chocolate last year.

John looked into an event at Dave and Buster's. It would be \$26 per person, unlimited video games with a power card. Wednesday would be half price. We are considering this as a Mother/Son event. The original thought was for Wednesday before Teacher's Convention in November but now the decision was made to wait until February or March.

Kevin will look into the Barnyard for our spring dinner/dance.

Programs

Possibly planning a trip to a Devils game.

PAL

Holding a beefsteak next Friday. The Board of Recreation is sponsoring the Flying Mueller Brothers. The PAL is very appreciative that the Board of Recreation is paying for the band.

Totowa Day

The first meeting to plan Totowa Day 2019 will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 6:30-7:30 before the regular scheduled Board of Recreation meeting. We

will review last year's event and begin planning 2019's event. An email will be sent to last year's group.

Report from the Director

John Mancinelli stated that it is always good to see everyone and looking forward to planning upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn was made by Oliver Dittamo and Nancy Ricca seconded the motion at 8:45pm.

The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation