

The November 12, 2020 Zoom Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President M. Pascucci at 7:35pm.

Present

President M. Pascucci
Vice President O. Dittamo
D. Alvino
N. Ricca
J. Mancinelli
T. Mele
M. Monteyne
D. Andriani

Absent

G. DiPasquale
D. Palazzo

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made the motion to accept the previous minutes and Nancy Ricca second the motion.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani thanked the Board of Recreation on behalf of the Mayor and Council for the Trunk or Treat. She stated that the Mayor and Council made the decision to postpone the in-person Turkey Trot and make it a virtual event based on the Governor's restrictions and the increase in cases of Covid locally. They are not comfortable with large gatherings. There will be 3 options for the registration fees already paid: refund, running virtual on your honor system, or choose to donate the registration fee to the Board of Recreation. 266 participants had signed up and will be sent emails about the change. The streets in Echo Glen will not have to be blocked off now.

There has been no decision yet on the Tree Lighting.

Oliver Dittamo stated residents are asking him who is paying for the turf field going in at PAL. The town is paying for it.

Citizens to be Heard

Jennifer Britting and Kristin Karam were present. Jennifer Britting stated that the Trunk or Treat was great and spacing the cars apart with space in between was a great idea. She also stated that the PAL park needs to upgrade the equipment. Debbie Andriani stated that she will look into any possible grants to cover the cost.

Correspondence

None

Financial

Balance of \$33,885.96

Personnel

No report

Pool

Mark Monteyne reported that the updates previously discussed-wall, bathrooms, are still ongoing at the pool.

Field and Grounds

The turf field is going as planned. The wall is completed, after Thanksgiving, the turf will be laid down, pipes going in, two weeks to complete.

Permits

None

Old Business

The Dog Parade was a success, many compliments received, 50 dogs participated. Petco provided dog food awards. The parade was nicely received by the community.

Trunk or Treat-spacing between each car worked well, the center needs to be left open for future Trunk or Treats. Cynthia's provided the hot chocolate. For next year, we would need more lighting, possibly rent lights. The Municipal Alliance provided the funds for the DJ.

New Business

The Turkey Trot will now be virtual because of the Covid pandemic. An email will be sent to all participants signed up. Possibly planning another in April.

House decorating in town-on Facebook, residents asked to post their decorated house pictures to the Board of Recreation FB page and site.

PAL

Their meeting is tonight. They are currently holding sport sign-ups.

Report from the Directors

John Mancinelli stated he was disappointed that the Turkey Trot had to be virtual, but it is best to be safe than sorry. Mark Monteyne stated there will be dates and times that the goodie bags from the Turkey Trot will be handed out to the participants that did not request their registration fee refunded. He will send out times and dates for pick up.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Oliver Dittamo and seconded by Donna Alvino at 8:20pm.

The next Board of Recreation's meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation