

The July 13, 2017 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:35pm.

Present

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

Absent

D. Alvino

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Mickey Pascucci seconded it.

Kevin Barnes reminded all about the board's attendance policy-not permitted to miss two meetings/events in a row. We need to keep the percentage up. We are a volunteer group, let's stay as a group.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani stated the tennis courts are completed. The Mayor is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 25th at 6:30pm and the Board and the PAL have been invited. Debbie stated that Mark Aue has retired from the police department after 30+ years of service along with Scott Titus also retired. Gary Bierach has been promoted to a Detective and Joseph Parlegrecco has been hired as a patrolman.

Correspondence

None.

Financial

The balance in the account is \$24,987.05

Citizens to be Heard

None-reminder for citizens to be heard, there is a three minute limit to speak.

Personnel

John Mancinelli stated that there have been no issues with the counselors, lifeguards-all going well.

Fields and Grounds

Tom Mele submitted his reports-Floyd, Bogert, and Kennedy Fields look safe and sound

Mickey Pascucci reported that the batting cages are still messy and need to be cleaned out.

Dan Palazzo-PAL and Minnisink Fields have no issues except the light at Lincoln II is still out

Permits

Mickey stated all permits requested have been completed and everyone has copies-July permits were issued to Football, Soccer, and STING softball- all fall sports.

Pool

Pam stated the following information from pool registrations: 66 Families; 21 singles; 17 children; 73 seniors; and 5 Fire department registrations for this year. 48 new members and registration is up from last year.

John stated we need to revamp the admission process-the different fees for different number of family members is very confusing. John stated the activities for 4th of July went well-slide, DJ, very crowded.

Louise-member of the pool donated 10 chairs for the pool. We need a price for new guard umbrellas. Pam will get a price.

Old Business

John stated the 2 concerts we had so far went well. Maybe we can use the robo call to tell residents about the concerts to get more in attendance. Possibly next year we can hang a banner across the boulevard.

The last concert is Totowa Has Talent- John has concerns how will we get interested participants-possibly put out flyers at library, pool, camp-post it everywhere.

New Business

Oliver Dittamo made the motion to suspend the August meeting, Dan Palazzo seconded the motion.

John stated that PSE&G shut off the lights by the pool-they were a hazard being too close to the pool. There are spot lights that need to be hooked up.

John suggested a possible Pool Family Day with contests, games, activities – need to come up with dates.

Thinking of ideas for Mother/Son activity-looked into Medieval Times but very expensive-\$40 per person.

Programs

The Yankee game trip went well- everyone thanked Dan.

Tom stated that the movie night that was cancelled will give us 50% off on the next movie because of the cancellation. Possibly do a late night swim with or without the movie. Will look into the movie night once the pool lights get fixed. Tom suggested maybe look into renting trailers that are filled with video games as an activity.

Possible idea- Scavenger Hunt-for adults do it with the PAL-list of things to find

Paint Night-possible in October- a paint place is opening in Totowa.
Haunted Hayride-possibly do the one in Montville-it's closer- we can do this in October; maybe we can alternate the Trunk or Treat every other year

PAL

Movie night-outside-August 9th- kitchen will be open with activities for the children
John suggested have an activity at the PAL-Powerhouse Studios- DJ at the beginning with snacks-show the next 1 ½ hours ex:-Game Show, Races, Pie in Face. The board would pay for Powerhouse Studios- we could do team building between the board and PAL or Football vs Baseball, etc. Beginning of October would be a good time- PAL could sell tickets as a fundraiser.

Football is holding clinics on Minnisink.

Soccer starts in August-tryouts are going on now for Traveling.

Cheering is holding clinics next week

September 16th is opening day- Bonfire will be on September 15th.

Football league has added more towns.

The PAL has received their 501C3 Status- Tax Exempt.

Report from the Director

John stated that we are on a good roll with camp, concerts and camp is going well. Maybe do a Skyzone Trip-would be closed to just us- we had a circus performance yesterday at camp that was great.

Motion to adjourn was made by Oliver Dittamo and Nancy Ricca seconded the motion at 9:05pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 21, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation