

The October 12, 2017 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Kevin Barnes at 7:30pm..

Present

President K. Barnes
V. President O. Dittamo
M. Pascucci
T. Mele
J. Mancinelli

Absent

D. Alvino
N. Ricca
D. Palazzo

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Council Liaison

Debbie Andrianni was not present but sent a text to remind all to vote for Kristin Corrado on Election Day.

Correspondence

Emails have been received regarding Trunk or Treat. Kevin suggested if we do a Trunk or Treat, we could consider doing a Peanut Free with the Trunk or Treat. MaryAnn Santaniello posted on social media a statement question referring to the Board of Recreation members being pool members? Kevin stated we do not respond to social media and if Board members are or are not members of the pool is of no relevance to the pool remaining open or closed. Kevin never received the email from her and John Mancinelli did respond to her.

Financial

The balance in the account is \$27,073.74

Citizens to be Heard

Reminder for citizens to be heard, there is a three minute limit to speak. Carla Grant was present to question why there was not going to be a Trunk or Treat. She stated that parents were upset and for parents with young children it is much easier to attend a Trunk or Treat than trick or treating. John Mancinelli stated that it is a safety issue that is a problem because parents pull out when they are finished before the event is completed posing a danger to those children still walking around. Carla Grant stated that other towns do it as an after school event from 4:30-6:00pm. Kevin explained that since we were planning to do a hayride this year, we were going to alternate the events each year. We will discuss it with the other commissioners and make a decision.

Personnel

None

Fields and Grounds

Reports were submitted. Tom Mele reported that Bogert Street park looks amazing and spotless. The soccer field at Kennedy looks beaten. Mickey Pascucci reported that the slide was removed at PAL. The leaves have been blown out of the tennis courts. We will tell the DPW to close the courts and remove the nets on November 1st.

Permits

None.

Pool

Closed-no word on the evaluation of the pool facilities

Old Business

Tom Mele knows of a rock and roll band for our summer concerts. He will get the information. Oliver Dittamo knows of an individual who sings Frank Sinatra songs. He will look into it. We have many dates lined up for Wednesdays in July and August.

New Business

Tom Mele asked are we doing the dinner dance this year? We need a place, possibly look into having it in a large church hall.

Totowa Day Committee will have their first meeting on October 23rd at 7:00pm at the library. Mickey Pascucci suggested doing a Comedy Night, Kevin knows of Rick Meyer, a performer. We could have the show outside or indoors.

John suggested doing a Puzzle Night-work in teams to complete 500 piece puzzles-compete with each other. An idea to think about.

Programs

See New Business

PAL

Street Hockey and Basketball registration is ongoing. Soccer shootout will be held at the Elks on October 21st. The PAL was broken into again. Looking into cameras. The website is up and running. Carla Grant stated that PaL is considering beginning a track and field program.

Report from the Director

John stated he is looking forward to the Totowa Day committee meeting. The Mayor and Council are excited about it. The Tree Lighting will be held on December 1st.

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

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

Secretary, Board of Recreation