

The November 16, 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  
D. Alvino  
N. Ricca  
D. Palazzo  
J. Mancinelli

**Absent**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

**Council Liaison**

Debbie Andrianni stated the Tree Lighting is December 1<sup>st</sup> and the cookies and hot chocolate from the Mayor and Council will be supplied by Cynthia's this year. The Mayor and Council asked if the board could provide a character this year along with Santa for the children.

**Correspondence**

None

**Financial**

The balance in the account is \$26,233.74

**Citizens to be Heard**

Reminder for citizens to be heard, there is a three minute limit to speak. Kristen Karam was present to just attend the meeting and follow what was being discussed.

**Personnel**

None

**Fields and Grounds**

Tom Mele handed in his report and stated that the nets at Kennedy need to be taken down. All the fields look great. Mickey Pascucci reported that the PAL football field held up great. Dan Palazzo stated the lights need to be raised at the fields. The board stated it would be very expensive because of the need for larger poles even though we can use the same lights. The need for them to be higher is to provide more light to the fields. A problem with putting them higher could be that the higher they are they will shine into the neighbors' houses. The tarp is falling down on Lincoln I and Dan will take it down.

**Permits**

None.

**Pool**

January we will start planning to hire someone to run the pool. Jim Niland has had two companies in to evaluate the status of the pool.

**Old Business**

The Hayride did not take place because not enough signed up to go.

**New Business**

Tree lighting will be Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at 6:30pm. We will hire a character to be present from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Totowa Day-**

There has been an overwhelming response from the town-Council, Library, Police, Health Dept. in planning Totowa Day. The date for Totowa Day will be September 29, 2018, rain date September 30, 2018. We will start the day off with a 5K run. We will hold the run beginning at PAL and the Totowa Day event will be held at Washington Park School. There will be entertainments, food trucks, etc. The Board of Recreation will be in charge of the run.

John Mancinelli had the idea for the slogan "T Day is Coming." Months leading into the event we should have buttons, stickers, posters made up with the slogan and everyone should wear the buttons and the others should be spread out through the town to generate interest in the big day.

Can we budget money for this event? Debbie Andriani will check into it.

The next meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Programs**

Tom Mele stated he is planning a tubing trip in February to Mt. Creek.

We will plan a mother/son event in the spring.

We are looking into a place to hold our dinner/dance in the winter/spring.

**PAL**

Tom Mele attended the last meeting. New parents were there with many questions to the PAL board. The fee for the sports programs is now \$135 and \$60 for the fundraiser. Their website is great and is now taking registrations.

They are thinking of reducing the frequency of holding Bingo. Possibly renewing the bingo license for 3 months at a time. Possibly thinking of giving food away to attract people to come play bingo.

**Report from the Director**

John Mancinelli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Ricca and Oliver Dittamo seconded the motion at 8:35pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Barone  
Secretary, Board of Recreation

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