

The June 10, 2021 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Mickey Pascucci at 7:40pm.

Present

President M. Pascucci
Vice President O. Dittamo
D. Alvino
T. Mele
M. Monteyne
D. Andriani

Absent

G. DiPasquale
D. Palazzo
N. Ricca

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Oliver Dittamo made the motion to accept the previous minutes and Donna Alvino second the motion.

Council Liaison

Debbie Andriani stated they had the ribbon cutting at the Bogert Street Park. A meeting was held with the architect regarding the grant received for the restoration of the VanAllen/Van Houten house to discuss what should be done and what can be done to restore the house. Looking into if there are possibly other grants to apply for. The pool is opening this coming Saturday and we have our first concert on Wednesday. The market is doing great on Fridays. Everyone had a great time at the Fishing Derby held in Woodland Park by the three town's recreation directors. Woodland Park PBA had a tent set up with handouts. Next year they would like to invite the other 2 towns' Fire and Police to set up tents. It was the first time for this tri-town event. Totowa had about 60 participants.

Citizens to be Heard

Jennifer Britting questioned will anything be communicated regarding details about the summer camp. Kristin Karam questioned will we be having Totowa Day in the fall? Debbie Andriani answered that this year there will be the Republican Picnic held again instead of Totowa Day. Kristin Karam questioned will there be the Turkey Trot again or anything like in the spring? She also asked if we could have a community BBQ or pool party for a family event.

Correspondence

Mark Monteyne has received inquiries for pool and camp. Some residents did not receive the brochure in the mail. Also, inquiries have been coming in regarding our summer concerts.

Financial

Balance of \$45,905.54, 2021 budget not moved over yet and there are 11 open invoices.

Personnel

Tricia Monteyne will be this year's camp director. Oliver Dittamo asked for a list of counselors and lifeguards. Mark Monteyne stated there are approximately 30 counselors and 15 pool employees hired. There are 13 certified guards, and the pool manager is Chase Schaeffer.

Pool

The bathrooms have been updated. This Saturday the pool will open at 11:00am. Mark Monteyne stated there is a great staff working this year. Periodically there will be food trucks at the pool. 456 people joined this year and late fees were waived this year. The pool is a 250,000-gallon pool and is the largest in the state. The DPW have done a great job getting the pool ready. John Capo had apprentices pour new concrete. The town paid for the concrete whereas the apprentices were volunteers.

Field and Grounds

The DPW have done a great job getting the fields ready for this year's season. The Bogert Street Park had their ribbon cutting ceremony. Parents asked for picnic tables, and they have been ordered.

Permits

Requests were received for the Women's Softball league, Traveling Baseball, and for a clinic held on Lincoln I and Lincoln II for the Jr. Hornets.

Old Business

The Fishing Derby event was a huge success. The Farmer's Market will be held until July 30th.

New Business

Camp-As of today 151 have signed up for camp.

Pool-opens this Saturday, June 12th at 11:00am.

PAL

At their last meeting, they asked for a liaison for the Board of Recreation meetings. Tom Mele stated to them that he is the liaison being a member of both, and they agreed. The spring sports are coming to an end. They raised \$15,000 at their recent golf tournament. Their recent clothing drive was a success. They are discussing and trying to bring back the Wrestling Show-the owner wants to make the PAL his home base. A softball All Star game will be held for the 8th grade girls. The July PAL meeting is cancelled.

Report from the Director

Mark Monteyne's motivational message is "Don't count the days, make the days count!"

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Oliver Dittamo and seconded by Tom Mele at 8:30pm.

The next Board of Recreation's meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 8, 2021**, at 7:30pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone
Secretary, Board of Recreation