

The April 13, 2023 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Mickey Pascucci at 7:35pm.

Present

President M. Pascucci
Vice President D. Palazzo
G. DiPasquale
T. Mele
N. Ricca
M. Monteyne

Absent

D. Alvino
D. Coiro
S. Reynoso

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

George DiPasquale made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Dan Palazzo seconded it.

Council Liaison

Sanders Reynoso was recently sworn in as a new Council member. He will be the Council Liaison to the Board of Recreation. He could not attend tonight's meeting because of being away on a business trip.

Citizens to be Heard

None were present, however Jennifer Britting approached Mark Monteyne and suggested a child's essay writing contest for the town's 125th anniversary. The title would be "Totowa is in my heart". She asked if the board would take the job of reading them and choosing the winners. The board agreed to it, but entries must be submitted to the board by May 20th.

Correspondence

Debbie Barone read a thank you note from Debbie Andriani, former Council Liaison to the board for her gifts received on her recent step down from the council and Board of Recreation.

Financial

Current balance \$52,204.19

Personnel

No report

Pool

Classes are being offered for lifeguard certification at PCTI and Wayne.

Field and Grounds

The fields are ready for opening day for Softball and Baseball on April 22nd. The lacrosse net that was left on the field has been moved to the batting cages.

Permits

Permits have been issued for the PAL sports-baseball, softball, soccer for this upcoming season

Old Business

Bunny Breakfast-Mark Monteyne thanked everyone for their help-it had to be held inside because of the rain-everyone had a great time. He would like to thank Travis Leech who was the bunny, Bromilows for their chocolate pops,

Shop Rite for the plastic eggs, Balloon Planet for the balloon centerpieces. It was decided for these sponsors a plaque would be a nice gesture to show the Boards' appreciation.

CPR classes-the February 15th class had 48 participants and another class was currently going on tonight with 21 in attendance. EMT Ed Reilly is conducting the classes at Professional Physical Therapy. The next class is planned for April 29th.

New Business

Car Show-Sunday, April 23rd-registration is open, only 38 cars registered so far. 99% of participants show up the day of depending on the weather.

Totowa Day-Saturday, June 10th-plans moving along-The magician will be considered for next year. The location will be 515 Union Boulevard parking lot and Washington Park Field.

Yankees Trip-in planning stages

Mets Trip-in planning stages

PAL

The regular meeting was cancelled this past week.

A meeting was recently held to discuss some issues. Tom Ferraro, Chad and Julie Alessendrelli, Ron Ralston-PAL met with Board members Mickey Pascucci, Dom Coiro, Mark Monteyne, Dan Palazzo, and George DiPasquale to discuss a recent issue of the PAL locking the batting cages. The Board of Recreation is in charge of the batting cages and discussed how they were not to be locked by the PAL. Other issues were also discussed at this meeting.

Report from the Director

Quote from Mark Monteyne- "Be Kind!"

Motion to adjourn was made by George DiPasquale and seconded by Nancy Ricca at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2023** at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

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Secretary, Board of Recreation