

The September 8, 2022 Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by President Mickey Pascucci at 7:40pm.

Present

M. Pascucci
D. Palazzo
T. Mele
N. Ricca
M. Monteyne

Absent

D. Alvino
D. Andriani
G. DiPasquale

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Dan Palazzo made a motion to accept the previous minutes and Nancy Ricca seconded it.

Council Liaison

In the absence of Councilwoman D. Andriani, there was no report

Citizens to be Heard

Carolyn Schultz, Carol Orefice, Karen Kirby, and Barbara Cioletti attended the meeting to discuss issues that occurred at the pool this past summer season. Carolyn Schultz read a letter regarding Mark Monteyne and commended him on all the activities that have taken place. She stated her concerns regarding the pool through a list of suggestions on what needs to be changed and improved. She also gave a copy of what changes she feels are needed as for the pool rules and regulations for members.

Carol Orefice mentioned concerns regarding the ongoing reoccurrence of no lifeguards on duty. She stated that this past weekend, there was one lifeguard on duty. She stated that there is a definite need for supervision of the guards in order to make changes.

Barbara Cioletti stated that years ago, they hired from outside of Totowa to get guards. Possibly we should look into that for next year. She stated that the bathrooms need to be cleaned better than they were this past season.

Karen Kirby stated that an issue was that many of the guards were friends, and they would all take off the same time together leaving no one available to cover all the guard stations. She also stated there is a need for supervision to help solve this issue. She did state she felt that the pool was clean this year.

Ron Ralston was present to report on PAL matters.

Correspondence

Mark Monteyne received calls that the lights were out at the PAL field. Calls were received requesting morning hours for the pool to be opened. Also, calls were received regarding the Turkey Trot and the Mets game.

A thank you to the Board was received from former commissioner Oliver Dittamo.

Financial

Current balance is \$24,376.16.

Personnel

Mark Monteyne stated that he felt that when the lifeguards were present, they did

a great job. The same was true of the camp counselors.

Pool

Total membership this year was 668 members.

Field and Grounds

The towers of lights have been put on the fields ready for this upcoming season. Minnisink field has been lined for this upcoming season. The turf football field at PAL has ripples in it and will be repaired. Rocks have been thrown through the window at the Press box building. A police report was filed. There are many rocks all around for drainage making it very convenient to do vandalism. In addition to being there and used, they are ending up all over the field. Cameras are needed to be installed. The batting cages are a mess, and the tennis courts are being used as dog runs. Locks have been suggested to help alleviate these problems.

Permits

Permits have been given out for football and soccer. A permit for softball traveling is in the works.

Old Business

Totowa Day-Saturday, June 11th – Community event, many positive comments received. A lot of community support was received from many organizations-fire, police, ambulance, DPW. Suggestions for next year, high top tables in the beer garden, the music choices need to be revisited. If we need a new location, would the pool parking lot work out?

Summer Concerts-why are the groups taking breaks? Other towns have concerts, and the bands play straight through. When there is a break, some of the crowd ends up leaving early.

New Business

Mets game- September 17th-bus leaving library parking lot at 4:30pm, \$65 per seat and will receive a David Wright shirt.

Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 29th with the Dog Parade earlier in the morning.

Republican Picnic-Sunday September 11, 2022

PAL

Ron Ralston was present and reported that the kitchen in the PAL building was redone. New floor, painted, and new LED lights installed. Tom Mele complimented how great it looks.

They are having another Wrestling show on September 23rd. Afterwards the floors are getting completely redone and the bleachers were just replaced one year ago. Football season opens up and their first game is away.

Report from the Directors

Quote from Mark Monteyne- "Don't count the days, make the days count!"

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Palazzo and seconded by Nancy Ricca at 8:42pm

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2022**, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barone

Secretary, Board of Recreation