

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Attendance: John Corring, Ann Cron, Andrew Puller, Deborah Szabo, John Noone, Dewey Burleson, David Dembowski

Absent: Rob Ricco
Councilman: Anthony DeRosa
Director Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance: Mike Loughlin - Lacrosse, Laura Cullinane- Hoops, Scott Perlman-Soccer

Chairman John Corring called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: There was no approval of minutes, tabled this to the next month

Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Eagle Scout Project:

Tim Sheppard reached out to Patty regarding his Eagle Scout Project. He wanted to create a soccer team for disabled children; however this already exists, called the navigator program. Patty reached out to the navigators who said the extra help was not needed at this time. The idea of an indoor soccer program for disabled children was tossed out, however how will we pay for the gym use? Who will run it after Tim completes his eagle scout badge? Patty will reach out to Tim and find out more details on what is required for this project. Patty will also suggest Tim coming to the next recreation meeting.

Halloween Parade:

Halloween parade scheduled for 10/29 at 3pm. Recreation committee wanted the parade earlier in the day however the historic preservation committee was unable to do so. The parade will start on Central Ave (by borough hall) and end up at George White. There is a DJ, bounce house, a BBQ, cotton candy, popcorn, apple cider, donuts and pumpkin decorating scheduled for the event. At around 5:30pm a movie will be played. There is face painting scheduled as well however we are in need of a face painter. Domani restaurant is offering dollar beers in exchange for every ticket purchased at the parade. The money raised for this event will go towards restoration for the train station. The recreation committee will meet at 1pm at George White field to help set up the event. If the weather is good the event will be held outside on the field, if not the festivities will be brought into the school for an extra cost

Insurance:

Per Councilman Anthony DeRosa we are all set for the recreation insurance. Patty stated it is a \$12,950 policy with \$8,162 coming out the recreation budget. The rest of the money will come from the various associations. The insurance covers various events such as Memorial Day parade and the summer concerts. The payment will come out of the recreation trust account and Patty will send bills

Tree Lighting:

This event is scheduled for December 7th at 7pm with a rain/snow date of December 8th. Patty has secured a DJ and choir. There will candy canes handed out to the children. The fire department has agreed to the use of their truck and playing Santa. Patty has reached out to Starbucks for a coffee donation and to Dunkin Donuts for donuts (plain, powered & sugar) and hot chocolate.

Liaison to the Mayor and Council:

Councilman DeRosa brought up the issue of the recreation sports coaches not all having the correct paperwork required to coach. Patty reported that only about 15% of the coaches have all the correct documents and most coaches are missing the fingerprinting aspect. John Corring questioned why this needs to be done every three years. Patty will ask for Hillsdale Police Department for all the information. When handing out fingerprinting sheets she will ask for information such as address, DOB, sport and email, so when she receives the results there are no questions as to whom it belongs to and what they are coaching. At the last meeting the idea of laminating cards for the coaches was brought up however it was decided this was too expensive. The idea of establishing a timeline for each individual sport was brought up. Patty will email each association asking for a timeline of when they would like the coaches to have all of their paperwork in or they will not be allowed to coach. Patty will then let each group know who is missing paperwork is and who has everything in.

The representative from the soccer association was on board while the representative from hoops had some concerns. They do not pick their coaches until they see who makes the team, is this too late to tell people to get the proper paperwork? The new timeline format will start with baseball in the spring season.

Councilman DeRosa reported that the football association had a successful 5K run last weekend.

Councilman DeRosa brought up the subject of parking at Smith school. As of now it is illegal to park at Smith school however guests of Demarest Farms have been parking at the school. This has caused an issue with the sports game which has since been moved to other fields. There is a meeting between the Board of Education and Demarest Farms to try a work this out. The police have put in a recommendation that the school allow parking for the safety of the residents. This issue was tabled and it was suggested that at the next meeting the Recreation Commission submit a recommendation that the parking be used for players and parents of the sports games. Councilman DeRosa then mentioned the Memorial Day Parade and asked how we can make this better. Some of his ideas were the use of military cars or children carrying flags. The idea of fireworks was mentioned. Patty said she had a quote of 10k years ago, there was discussion on how can we fundraise for this? Councilman DeRosa asked each member to have a suggestion for the next meeting for the parade. It was also mentioned at a Memorial Day Parade committee should be formed again for this upcoming year. In this discussion Town Day was brought up and

it was discussed that the budget used to be a lot higher. Patty would like to see it back at Beechwood Park with a better entertainment.

Permit Request:

There was permit request for a Triathlon to take place at Stonybrook on August 26th 2017. This motion was called for a vote and everyone voted yes to the permit.

Meeting adjourned, 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, November 3, 2016, 7:00pm