

HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF February 6th, 2020.

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Greg Stalb, Deb Szabo, John Corring, Delia Collis, Ann Cron, Deb Szabo

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:
Drew Metz, Rob Harris

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

John Corring approves the minutes and Ann 2nds it

HSBA permit with an open date at 3/21 or 3/28. They are also requesting 3 porta johns'

Field Use Permits:

Tara Madigan requesting 5/3, 5/3, 5/16 and 5/17 to conduct a free soccer clinic at GW. The committee needs to review her insurance and she need to work with soccer and baseball for field time.

The HSBA would like to switch over to composite bats from wooden bats. Other towns are using these types of bats now. In order to play other towns, they would like to have the same types of bats. These new bats are little league inspected and approved. The town will verify with the insurance company and allow the HSBA to make the bat switch.

Dewey mentions the creation of a newsletter once again. It would be a good place to advertise the Fall Festival as well as other recreation programs. Ideally it would go out September 1st. Anthony suggests mailing it with the tax bill however the committee disagrees. Patty, Deb and Michele will work on the content of the newsletter.

For this year's festival the rec committee would like to be more and better vendors. This would be better for the adults who are there to shop and listen to music. They can use the swim club's portable bleachers for additional seating. Dewy would like to see more sponsors this year.

Recreation Director Report

Sports – All sports going well. Basketballs has 50 kids, 20 more than last year. Going to try for a kindergarten clinic for next year.

Camp 2020 – John Noone is almost finished booking all of the trips and will get pricing for the busing. Camp is all set for June 29th through July 31st at Meadowbrook. Still waiting to secure the United Methodist church for the older kids.

Seniors- Arts and crafts program took place on Jan 30th at the art of the cake in River vale. 23 seniors attended. Next event 2/13 at uptown art. Luncheon on 2/19, Italian food.

Welcome Packet – Letters sent to the business to ask for a flyer or coupon for the welcome packet, have asked various departments to provide information as well.

Carnival – Stonybrook will be the location for the Firemen’s carnival this year. It will take place on May 4th to the 9th.

Pre k Program – Once budget is approved, Patty will plan events for the kids in the park and indoor activities fall of 2020.

Field – Memorial bids came on at 130K and 141K to high going back out to bid.

Festival – Patty would like to put an advertisement in the newspapers for vendors

Patty also looking to plan town wide event in May. A Yankee baseball game, hoping to get a group rate for the tickets and bussing.

Council Comments

Bids received for Memorial Field. Both bids were too expensive. The engineer will fix the specs to get more bids. The subcommittee wants to meet with Chris, Anthony, Patty and the BA to review the list again. However, Anthony disagrees and says enough time has been spent of the list and it should be left alone.

Committee Comments

Rob Harris from baseball says opening day will be either the 3rd or 4th week of March. He says that they will be having opening day activities and may or may not have a game based on the weather.

A discussion about the open space grant for 2021 leads to ideas around fixing McSpirit Park, or Beechwood. Most people think Beechwood is the better choice.

The access for all committee is looking to help seniors and asking how they can be of service. It is recommended that a representative from that group attends a 50 plus meeting to see what is needed. Tribe volunteers were HS students who were to be connected with seniors in order to help them.

There will be a Rutgers class on 2.20 at 6:30 at the boro

Deb motions to close and John 2nds

Closed 8:07 .

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, March 5th