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MEETING MINUTES OF October 5rd, 2017

Attendance: Debbie Szabo, Dewey Burluson, Jenna Szabo, Andy Puller, Rob Ricco, John Corring, Patty Hughes, Peter Hard (retired police officer)

Guests in attendance:

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Accepted by Rob Ricco, seconded by John Corring

Chairman Statement

Dewey is down to three meetings and he compares his chairmanship to a season - there is a big win at the end. "Step on their neck" (close out the year).

Permit Approval

Arsenal Soccer payed their check

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion

Davey's Locker is open to coming back to the festival. They presented a \$1,000 check and a portion of it to the PBA. Shoutout to Lou's Tavern for giving more beer. Grateful for no incidents.

Great turnout for fall festival - all good things. We raised over \$6,750 and there is a balance of \$5,600 or for the fall festival next year.

Halloween

Parade is Saturday, October 28, 2017. Line-up is at 9:45am and the start is 10am. Start at Borough Hall, meet at George White basketball courts for pumpkins, donuts, cider and entertainment. No hay rides this year. 100 pumpkins donated from Demarest, snacks donated from Wegmans, DJ is Jim Pfeifer.

Tree Lighting

Veteran's Park tree lighting - December 6th, Rain date December 7th. A letter was sent to shoprite for candy canes and another letter was sent to Dunkin Donuts. The main music is the choir and there will be background music throughout.

Rec basketball registration is open through November 10th. Draft for Coaches is November 14th.

The Payroll system will now take taxes out of checks for all kids. Committee agrees that this is not a good idea.

Fingerprinting

Patty gets the list, sends it back and it is always the same people on the list. Are the people on the field compliant. Dewey said that without fingerprints or Rutgers certification or concussion protocol, you should not be allowed on the field. We should make a statement in December and have Rutgers certification due by February, fingerprinting by January. Baseball - 18 people had no records. Some of the heads of the associations are not compliant. Patty is constantly updating the list, but nothing is changing.

Code of conduct - once

Concussion - once

Fingerprinting - every 3 years

Rutgers - once

Borough and Rec Commission are liable. Dewey thinks that the mindset needs to be changed. We have been giving them the benefit of the doubt but we can't anymore. It is a liability to the town, the children and themselves. The sport should be ended if not everyone is compliant.

Domani fundraiser - 20% of the bill goes to Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

Dewey's Review

GO FISH!

Name Game

Hillsdale Festival - push the fact that it is a festival, not a town day

Cleveland Indians & University of Tennessee

Pass - John Noone

Tribe Volunteers - John Noone

Who to contact at the high school and George White

Senior citizen liaison

Board Games

Board of Education Statement: negotiations are over (closed) - the field is there to be used by soccer but not Demarest Farms, but the police does not want to send someone there to patrol it; soccer does not want anything to do with the police. Smith School is to be used for rec soccer.

Walk this Way, Ulysses (Ulysses Grant - grant money for the walkway and link the two parks)

Memorial Field walkway: level the field, put more money in the field, put proposal in, idea should come through the rec board because we have seen a lot - we are the board that should decide

where the money is spent whenever we have it. Adult fitness playground at beechwood park, fix band shell. 5-year plan - think of anything that needs to be fixed in the parks.

Let's Make a Deal - pricing for the fields

We are not supposed to be setting prices - we should recommend them and get it approved by the council. We should definitely collect money from arsenal. We need to decide on fees before each season starts.

Field: \$50

Discussion of field pricing for lights: greater than \$75 ... \$150? ... flat fee- We need to make a decision.

No lights for baseball, arsenal uses the lights

Arsenal

Puts in a permit whether it's for practice or games

Practice: 60-70% Hillsdale kids

Games: random teams

Recommend set prices for games - sign up genius app to reserve fields

Sweet and Sour

	Sweet	Sour
Andy	Turnout	
Jenna	Dunk tank	Not a lot of high school students
Rob	Attendance	More water and electric access
Debbie	Everything	Stickey's BBQ
Patty		Vendor setup - be there earlier (be there at 10) Beer was gone - bigger beer garden
John	Time of year	Nothing sour - do it on Saturday after a Friday football game
Dewey	Built a book of rec friends	Vendors should be stretched out more along the pathway

Shoutout to Ryan Corring

Make the time 12 - 5 instead of 1 - 6

Go Fish

Rec fishing trip

Trip to the meadowlands

Medieval Times

Hockey Game

Debbie Szabo motions to close the meeting, seconded by Rob Ricco

Next Meeting, November 2, 2017, 7:00pm