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MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2015**

Attendance: John Corring, Ann Cron, Patty Hughes, Abby Lundy, Rob Ricco, John Noone, Lauren Dentato, David Dembowski, Andy Puller, Gerry Dargan, Anthony DeRosa

Absent: none

Guests in attendance: Andy Pearson

Vice Chairman Ann Cron called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Abby Lundy motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 and Andy Puller seconded and the minutes were passed.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Memorial Day Parade:

The Parade went really well this year. There was big attendance mostly due to the plaques being presented to the families of the fallen soldiers. Next year we do not have to be there as early. Ice cream was handed out but nobody could find the water that was picked up by the DPW that Patty purchased. 10 cases of water we purchased. Patty will find out what happened to it.

Summer Camp:

Registration is done. We still have late registration going on but we are in good shape. We have taken in over \$220,000.00. First through fourth grade last year was 110 this year is 100 kids signed up. Grades fifth through seventh the numbers are much higher. We are still set for the three separate locations.

Lightning Detectors:

Patty sent out an email to all associations that the lightning detectors were not working and the procedures that they should follow. Unfortunately people are still staying on the fields while it is thundering. Police have been seen at the fields – specifically Centennial to make sure that kids were indeed off the fields. Patty will send another reminder.

Senior Van:

The van is still running. The steps to get on the van are starting to really rot. The Borough applied for a grant for new van, but this could take up to 24 months. When the driver honks the horn, the van stalls out. Patty said that she had a meeting today with Denise, John Ruocco and Marie Hanlon about adding a third day (Mondays) for grocery runs only. We will be distributing out flyers with the rules of the van and hand them out at the next luncheon.

Liaison to the Mayor and Council:

Anthony reported that the ceremony part of the Memorial Day Parade was really nice. One family had several generations there. So far 2 of the plaques have been installed.

Agreements - The Council agreed that they will not be charging the sports associations for the use of the lights. The Council will however be asking for the associations to contribute to the insurance part. Right now it is about \$2.11 per child. If they do not want to contribute, then they can purchase their own insurance.

Andy Puller stated that on Mother's Day there was an older girl Arsenal Team playing on Centennial before 12:00, which was a Sunday. They are not supposed to be using the fields before 12:00 on Sundays. People were also complaining that the bathrooms were not open.

Abby stated that there was a problem with the times, but this has since been fixed.

We also need to come up with a charge for when people want to use the fields with the use of the lights.

Anthony stated that he will be submitting an agreement to the Town Attorney to review and then we will sit with each association and go over it.

Anthony also walked Corra with the Borough Engineer. The cost to fix it at this time is just not possible. The grading is really bad. The idea would be to change the grading of the field. The cost to get in clay would be about \$3-5000.00 to do this. Volunteers would have to be used to spread out the clay – but this still might not work and it's a lot of money for something that may not work. He is also looking into getting a new plaque for the Corra field because the one that is there is really faded.

Adult Playground:

Barbara DeCaro had asked Patty to research the idea of having an "adult playground" of sorts at the Stonybrook field. The Borough Engineer presented to the Council and the Council shot down the idea.

Halloween:

Frank Pizzella mentioned doing a big Halloween event this year. The Rec Board is all in favor of doing something different this year. As it gets closer, Patty will get in touch with Frank Pizzella.

Remarks from Citizens:

Abby stated that the Baseball Tournament that Hillsdale is the host town will begin the second week of July – July 18th. The finals will be during the following week. 120 teams have signed up so far. Abby said she will need to get temporary lights for Memorial Field. Patty will shoot out an email to see if football has lights or OEM has lights that they can use.

Ann wanted to let everyone know that in the past there was talk of us buying defibrillators, but a local town who had 4 mounted outside had them all stolen. We need to keep this in mind if we decide to purchase any in the future and where we can have them where this will not happen.

Fields & Permits:

There is one permit request for a graduation party at Beechwood Park and the field. Patty stated that they still need to send over their insurance, but it can be approved pending the receipt of their insurance.

Meeting adjourned, 7:38 pm (Coring/Ricco)

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Kohan

Next meeting, July 2, 2015, 7:00pm