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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF January 11th 2018**

Attendance: Dewey Burleson, Ann Cron, John Corring, Andy Puller, Josh (HS Liaison)

Rec Director: Patty Hughs

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Baseball: John Stanberry

Soccer: Drew Metz

Lacrosse: Mike

Arsenal Soccer – Victor R

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and Andy seconded this motion

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for November and December were approved. First motion made by John Corring, second by Ann.

Permit Approval

Permit approvals put on hold at the moment as the only ones Patty had were from smaller organizations and need to see the requests from the larger first.

Chairman Statement

Tomorrow is new day! Go forward, 2018 is a new day.

Dewey's Review

The recreation committee is looking for activities for 35-45 olds, last summer they held an event at the pool in the summer. It was not well attended. Other ideas tossed around that can take place at Stonybrook were inviting dogs to come when the season is over and let them use the pool. This year there will be movie nights at the pool. At those times maybe there can be a suggestion box for people with ideas that can help serve the needs of the 35-45 year old community.

Dewey suggests Fun Fridays at Memorial Field for kids, mostly around the junior high age. They can have coordinated events and hand out snacks. Or open the snack bar and sell snacks to raise money for the town. This would take place right after school. Corring wants to make sure the kids are off the field in time for Mens softball.

Dewey then takes the time to review upcoming events and dates. He questions the concert series and asks why it needs to stay in town versus being a Beechwood. The idea is to keep the business from concert goes in town. The idea of having one concert in the series or a Hillsdale sponsored concert at Beechwood was thrown out.

When Deb Szabo returns she will focus on the Hillsdale festival and Anthony will continue to focus on the small business Saturday.

Coaching Certificates -This issue should be solved within this sports season. The recreation committee will be helping to work with soccer to get them back on the Smith field in the fall. The police are interested in knowing who will manage the traffic flow and what the parameters are of the field usage.

In terms of the Memorial Field renovations Dewey needs to meet with the borough admin and the town engineer. The committee would like to put in for a grant to fix this field. At the moment there are approvals for 2 grants so we would be looking for a 2019 grant. The town needs to match the contribution of the grant. In order to do this we will try to solicit corporate donations.

The town has purchased a module from Community Pass to help organize the field usage. This also will be available for everyone to view in case there are questions as to who is using a certain field. The question is who will enter the information and have access to the system. Will it be Patty or the sports association? It is a period of trial and error. This system will also help keep track of the of the field usage billing.

The idea of a community/ Rec reaction center is still being discussed. The committee would like a place for both seniors and kids to have a place to go. Westwood has a nice center that we can take ideas from. Some locations for this have been at Stonybrook or Memorial Field. Memorial is suggested by John Stanberry to be a short term solution as the structure is already in place. In the long run this would save money as right now the seniors are paying every time they use a space for their events and the town is paying for school usage for the camp.

Patty hands out a document for a six year budget to be filled out and discussed. Some ideas for this budget are upgrades to the parks and playgrounds. The committee would like to set up a meeting with the DPW and Borough admin to discuss the various budget needs. Most likely it would be Dewy, John C and Ann to join.

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Patty says the dates for camp at George White are all reserved, 6/25-7/27. The next senior lunch is on the 17th and they will be serving meatloaf (this lunch was cancelled due to the snow) . Basketball is going well, there is a group of girls from Hillsdale and Rivervale playing. The one issue was with some games being played on Sundays.

Patty is still trying to help all coaches get up to date on their paperwork and be compliant. There is a temporary date scheduled for the Rutgers clinic which is February 12th and looking into getting the fingerprinting truck to come right around the same time. The truck requires 40 participants and will only come during the day during the week.

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 24th.

Patty reviewed the new ordinance regarding the cost for field usage. It will be 50 for any game or practice for up to 3 hours and 150 when the lights need to be used.

Council Liaison

Anthony has picked back up working on the Memorial Day Parade and will be in contact with the people in charge of fleet week to see if they can get sailors to come. We are waiting on Debbie to get the final information about the bag pipers. The time of the parade might need to be changed to accommodate everyone.

Anthony has some concerns about Smith School and soccer and the logistics.

Anthony would like Dewey to personally speak to the various sports associations and let them know they must be certified or will not be able to coach.

As of November, the Rec committee is known as the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Anthony says we need to acknowledge the Gold Award for Girl Scouts which is similar to the Eagle Scout project for Boy Scouts.

Anthony believes the new module in community pass can help keep track of the coaching certificates and the compliance. He will confirm

He mentioned that the state gave the ok and put in a referendum for Woodcliff Lake to leave the PV School System. However this needs to get passed by 4 towns so it does not seem feasible.

Association Comments

John Stanberry announces the HSBA would like to start a middle school baseball team. Josh the HS Liaison thinks this is a great idea. They are also interested in the idea of a girls softball team.

Mike from lacrosse says that the coaches for the girls team are in compliance with their certificates however the boys coaches are only have people compliant. They are working on fixing this. They are also waiting to see who will be the coach for some other teams now.

Drew Metz asks about the potholes in Centennial Field and Dewy agrees this needs to be addressed. He also expresses his concerns regarding who is using the fields around his teams playing. At one time there was a college team playing nearby and they felt this was dangerous as the balls could be hit onto other fields. They are also struggling with some of the finger printing for their coaches.

Dewy motions to close the meeting and seconded by Ann

Meeting adjourned, 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, February 1st, 2018, 7:00pm