

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION  
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MEETING MINUTES OF 1/13/2025**

**Councilman:** Clemente Osso

**Rec Director:** Dan Conte

**Attendance:** John, Ed, Greg, Rhonda, Ann, Sara, Dewey

**Council Member** – John Ruocco

Ed called meeting to order at 6:34

Pledge of allegiance

Yearly reorganization meeting, Ed Grill and John Coring unanimously voted to President and Vice President respectively.

Committees stay the same.

Meeting closed at 6:37

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Minutes approved by Ann and seconded by Rhonda

**Field Improvement Update**

- Centennial drainage project looking to start in March due to frozen ground. Hoping to reopen the fields in May
- Met with HBSA, the infields need work and looking at a 2 phase project. Phases will take place in Spring and Fall. Will ask the DPW for maintenance plan, HBSA willing to help out with cost. No numbers have been provided yet.

- There is an adult baseball league that is looking to rent out field on Sunday mornings, this will help with any maintenance costs to the field.

#### Grant Update

- Town looking into Jakes law grant/Greenacres in order to help with an ADA compliant playground
- After researching this grant further there are many questions as to if this is the right way to update the playground
  - Law opens up all of Hillsdale parks to the public at anytime
  - Lose ability to sell the land
- Dan looking into additional grants to help provide Hillsdale with an ADA compliant playground
- Dewey says that open space grant opens 4/8 to apply and maybe should go to McSpirit park

#### New Programs/Program Updates

- A community member Rick Savino came in to present the idea of a sports first aid course. The course will teach coaches specific first aid training needed for sport injuries. Discussion over training course price is had. How much, should the coach pay or the sports association? Committee will discuss further, but likes the idea
- Dan will be looking into getting AED units for the parks
- Basketball has roughly 330 kids signed up and things going well.
- Winter workshop got in the way of some of the other programming ideas
- Looking into a track and field program for the spring season
- Next brochure will be coming out on 2/15.

Please see below for the event dates for this year:

- Egg Hunt: April 19th
  - Memorial Day: May 26th
  - Summer Concert Series: 1 in June, 2 in July
  - End of Summer Movie: August 26th
  - Fall Festival: September 13th
  - Oktoberfest: October 3rd
  - Halloween: October 25th
  - Tree Light: December 3rd
  - Drive in Movie: Spring 2025
  - Welcome to Summer Biergarten: Late Spring 2025
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- Looking into sending out a survey asking for feedback for the borough newsletter.
  - Putting together a sponsorship packet for business and personal to get donations for events
  - There were no purchases from the online store selling recreation merchandise
  - Dan wants the smaller committees to meet a few times a year

- Residents are looking to add a Ramadan service/lighting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58