

HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF January 24th 2019

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Ann Cron, John Corring, Rob Ricco, Debra Szabo, Michele Hausch, Greg Staub, Josh Deluca, Jamie Kohan

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Scott P

Rob Harris

Mike L

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for previous months need to be reviewed

Permit Request:

Approval for the 3rd annual Shamrock 5K to be completed by the softball team on 3/24

Approval for fire department carnival on 4/22-4/27

Approval for Joan Delasandro event on 9/28 and a rain date of 9/29

Rec Directors Report

Basketball is going well. There is an issue with the camp however. There is no place for the campers to call home base. In the past they have used the George White school however the new superintendent is saying there is work being done in all of the Hillsdale schools and the camps cannot use them. Anthony as liaison to the school board will speak with the schools. Patty has been searching for a new home for the campers, she has looked at all rec centers, churches and other public spaces. She look at the new Bethany Community center and we are waiting to hear back if the center will take the kids. This center is a lot more money than the schools.

There is also an issue with the camp director, due to her new schedule the boro admin is unsure if he wants her to keep that schedule. Patty would like to keep the director as she has been in the role for 10 years. Hoping she will be able to stay.

Chairman Discussion

Chairman state is "All in the Family" by this Dewey is meaning he wants the committee to remain as one and support one another as he anticipates backlash regarding the fields and the decisions that will be made.

There was a brief review of the calendar of events as well as the committees. A communications committee was added in order to utilize social media, reach out to newspapers and make Hillsdale events more known to the community.

The committee reviews the recreation budget that was presented. This was a draft and still needs to be brought in front of the mayor and council for final approval. There was no cost increase for camp or sports except for wrestling.

A capital plan regarding field repairs was presented last year to the boro admin however it went nowhere. There is another capital plan that was created and hopefully will be put into effect.

The grant granted for Beechwood in 2015 was mentioned again, as no one knows where the money went as the improvements have not taken place.

Dewey hands out the field policy that he created as well as a packet containing information regarding all of the Hillsdale fields as well as the issues associated with them. These items are just drafts that will need to be brought in front of the mayor and council after feedback from various parties. At the next meeting on 2/7, the committee is hopeful they will have a final product to produce to the mayor and council.

The biggest conversation was regarding who makes the call if the fields are playable and at what time. Mike L asked if it has to be 745am, all of these issues will be addressed in the new field policy document.

Patty mentions that there has been progress made in field scheduling, there has been an addition to community pass that will allow for a sports calendar and everyone will be able to see who is playing what sport and on what field

Meeting adjourned, 8:25 pm Motioned by Corring, 2nd by Ann

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, February 7th at 7:00 PM.