

HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF October 3rd

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Greg Stalb, Deb Szabo, John Corring
Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:
Abby Lundy

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was delayed till next meeting

Permit Approvals

Glen Merkel has asked for George White on 10/13 from 130-4, this was approved.

Recreation Director Report

A request for Meadowbrook has already been put in for camp next summer. The camp will run from 6/29-7/31 with a new camp director. John Noone will be the new director.

The Hillside festival got rave reviews, and the DPW did a wonderful job. We all want to thank them for their hard work. A special thank you to Deb Szabo as well from Patty and the committee on your hard work putting it together. Food trucks are not booked for next fall yet.

The caricature and face painter were very popular will think of adding a second person. It was not so hard to get sponsorship from business around town and the committee is thankful for their donation. Anthony would like to add fireworks to the day of the festival. We would be looking for a sponsor to pay for those. He may ask ShopRite or Stew Leonard's. The best place for the fire work to go off is at the HS. Anthony will bring this to the council and see what they say. The Halloween parade will be changing locations. Walking from memorial field down to Beechwood Park. There will be a magic show. There is discussion about adjusting the time so the kids who play soccer can still attend.

Tree lighting is scheduled for Dec 11. Dunkin is sponsoring the coffee, donuts and hot chocolate, Wegmans is providing candy canes and cookies. There is a DJ and Santa.

There is a new coach for the basketball association, Bob Bajovsky.

Smith school has redone their basketball courts with the help of the rec committee and hoops.

There are also new scoreboards at George White School.

There was a survey sent to coaches to rank their players however there was only one response.

This will go out again in hopes for a better response. A new plan to up the membership of basketball is to try and get the 3rd and 4th grades to play both hoops and rec_basketball. Patty will also tell everyone about the new coach and plans for basketball before registration.

The senior grants is for 6k for an arts and crafts program. Patty is unsure at the moment if there will be crafts done in town or if the seniors will be bussed to various places to take part in arts and crafts.

Chairman's Report

Dewey states we must focus on our assets versus the liabilities. We must use our assets to build up the rec trust fund, assets such as the festival, PVHS Basketball coach Jasper and PVHS Chior Teacher of the Year Argine Safari. The press covered the festival as well as the parade by the baseball team. Dewey would also like to shout out the DPW for their work on the festival. They were organized and did a great job. Next year's festival will be held on 9/13/20, with no rain date.

An Eagle Scout project by Colby VanDyken to renovate and clean out the west bank of memorial is being worked on with the environmental committee. There were talks about getting the sports associations to help make multiple pathways. They also discussed putting in new bleachers and railroad ties. This will go to council next month.

Council Comments

Anthony showed everyone 3 different plans for Memorial field given by the engineer. The work on Memorial is scheduled to be done soon so it is ready for opening day. For the work on Centennial field, Anthony is looking to meet with the sports associations.

John motions to close and Greg 2nds

Closed 8:16

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, November 7th