

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF 10/7/2024**

Councilman: Clemente Osso

Rec Director: Dan Conte

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

Council Member – John Ruocco, Robert Colletti, John Escobar

BA –Mike Ghassali

Public – Rob Harris, Craig Kardell, Nikesh Shah,

- Dan called meeting to order at 6:33

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes

- Approved by Sara and seconded by John

BA discussion on fields

- Townhall meeting scheduled for 11/13
- Dewey wants to know how to manage the planning board meeting regarding the field improvements
- There is still ongoing discussions over turf versus non turf
- Mike provides a plan after discussion with the town, he will go to the council
- There is 1.8 million in reserve, 400 for centennial and half a million will go into the field improvement line per year, 6 million will be going to bond
- Dewey thinks the turf plan doesn't help baseball or soccer just football
- Ed and Mike will meet before hand to discuss the townhall meeting

Dans recreation Report

- The winter recreation brochure is scheduled to go out on 11/15. They need to wait to see what rooms are available for classes before it can released.
- Sara tells Dan to review the winter workshop classes so they don't overlap.
- Recreation basketballs evaluations on 11/13

- A high school representative is needed for the commission. Ideally a sophomore. Greg will recommend some people
- Oktober fest was a success. Thanks are given to John Corring. Another similar event will be planned for the spring
- The Halloween parade had a large turnout. Pumpkins and goodie bags were handed out. A big thank you to the DPW for their help. Will have a discussion soon about candy for next year.
- Holiday lighting ceremony is scheduled for 12/9. Dan will reach out to the fire department so they can bring santa. Dan will contact the GW choir and possibly add a movie to the ceremony. Sara suggests the choir be backed up to Broadway
- The commission will look into getting food and drinks donated. Last year Conrads donated the hot chocolate.
- The holiday light show contest will not take place this year.
- This year there will be a draft where the kids do drills and the coaches observe.
- Due to the referendum the GW school will not be available to use for camp this summer
- Dan is looking into other options. His first choice is to use PV. He would like to have all the information before the new year.
- There will also be a discussion over registration for camp this year and how to include more children,

Meeting adjourned at 7:20