

HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF November 7th 2019.

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Greg Stalb, Deb Szabo, John Corring, Michele Hausman, Ann Cron

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:

Rob Harris

Drew Metz

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Approval of Minutes

Approval of September minutes was given, motion by John Corring and Seconded by Ann. October minutes were approved by John Corring and Seconded by Deb Szabo.

Recreation Director Report

Halloween at Beechwood was a success. The magic show should be scheduled for earlier next year. Patty would like to thank Demarest farms for the decorations. Leftover were used for the Spooktacular the next day and extra pumpkins were given to the River Vale church.

Tree lighting is scheduled for Dec 11. Dunkin is sponsoring the coffee, donuts and hot chocolate, Wegmans is providing candy canes and full-size candy bars, all to be handed out by the girl scouts. There is a DJ and Santa. This year glow necklaces will also be given out and decorations were purchased to make the trailer look nice. The George White chorus will be singing some holiday songs.

This year Hillsdale will participate in the Van Saun tree decorating, the theme is silver and white snowflakes. The girl scouts will help, Patty and Eileen ordered ceramic snowflakes and they are decorating them for the tree. Patty went and purchased all the other decorations for the Van Saun tree.

Basketball registration has begun. Smith school will be used for practice and games for the $\frac{3}{4}$ graders. Wrestling and a new women's volleyball registration has begun. Recreation and Hoops will be using GW, the new scoreboards that have been put up in the gym and cafe.

There was a request from the fire department to hold their annual carnival on the stony brook field. The commuter parking lot is unavailable because St. Johns is unable let them use their lot.

The committee voted unanimously against this; it was also frowned upon by the sports associations. Patty will give it to the Borough Clerk and it will go before council.

Patty put in a grant for the seniors which has been approved by the County 2019-2020 for \$6,000 arts and crafts. Some of the trips scheduled are to the art of cake in River Vale, Abrakadoodle, Uptown Art, Board and Brush and Crafty Kitchen. There are two senior lunch scheduled on Nov 20th and Dec 18th. Each has some entertainment. New grant for 2020-2021 is for Nutrition Wellness will be submitted by December 6th.

Chairman's Report

An Eagle Scout project by Colby VanDyken to renovate and clean out the west bank of memorial was being worked on with the environmental committee. Unfortunately, this project is no longer happening. The borough admin said there was concerns with liability and the mayor called the parents of the Eagle Scout to say the project was a no go. Frank Pizzella looked further into this and found the insurance company said there was no reason for concern. Dewey would like to push this project through for another student. He asked to clarify who check with the insurance company to verify the liability.

There was a 250K grant applied for Centennial. We will not get the full amount as everyone is having their Memorial. There are plans to go out to bid. There are discussions of the timing of the work as to not impact the sports season. Next conversation is what to apply for, for the 2021 grant. The borough is working on the plaque for the 10U baseball team.

Council Comments

Speaking to students from the H.S to join the committee as the HS liaisons. Hoping to have them attend the next meeting.

The next thing the borough engineer will work on is a study for a potential community center.

Motion made to close, John Corring and Seconded by Greg Stalb

Closed 8:16

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, December 5th, 7pm.