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MEETING MINUTES OF February 1st 2018

Attendance: Dewey Burleson, Ann Cron, John Noone, Andy Puller, Rob Ricco, Josh Deluca (HS Liaison)

Rec Director: Patty Hughes
Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:
Baseball: John Stanberry
Soccer: Scott P
Lacrosse: Mike L

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and Andy seconded this motion

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January were approved. First motion made by Andy second by Ann.

Permit Approval

No Permits

Chairman Statement

If not today than when?? Items from multiple years ago such as coaching certificates and a recreation center are finally bring addressed

Patty reports that the senior van needs a new alternator so is of the road for now. The January senior lunch was cancelled due to snow the next one is February 21. All sports programs are doing well, however there is no indoor soccer program since they could not find anyone to run it. The Rutgers certificate training class will be held on Feb 12th from 6:30-9:30. Patty is still trying to get a date for the fingerprinting truck to come. They need at least 30 people signed up in order for the truck to come. The sports assoc will send this information out to the parents to try and get people to sign up. The cost is now 21.41. Dewey is hoping for another Rutgers clinic in August for fall sports. The date for Easter Egg hunt is March 24th based on weather.

Dewey's Review

Dewey reviews the roles of the subcommittees saying they will share their reports with everyone when they have something to report. Each subcommittee has no more than 3 people because more than 3 people are then considered a meeting. Anthony takes this moment to review the roles and responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Memorial Field

Dewey handed out a diagram he created of memorial field. He suggests applying for grant money to build a walkway. This would also help to level the field. The town would have to match the grant money provided. There are a lot of other renovations that the committee would like to see happen to Memorial Field such as a new awning on the field house, new curb in the parking lot, move the batting cages, a playground, a defined entrance, fix the brick stands, and develop the area near Hopper street. The Borough Admin will need to get involved for these changes and the grant application.

We received grant money two years ago for Beechwood additions that should be starting soon

The sports associations think the rec committee is off to a good start and excited to see what will happen to the fields.

Patty suggests that the committee, rec director and DPW meet a few times a year to go over the fields and whatever suggestions everyone might have.

Dewey suggests that the committee and sports assoc makes lists of what projects they would like to see performed in the town and provide this to the Eagle Scouts and Girls Scouts .

HS Liaison

Josh reports that the wrestling team is doing well so is the girls basketball team.

Council Liaison

Anthony reports that he has been in touch with the borough admin regarding all the fields and the work that needs to be done. Anthony is working on helping the soccer assoc reclaim Smith School in the fall. There is a Board of Ed meeting on February 12th and Anthony says he will address this there.

Pascack Hills has a program called Snow Angel where they help seniors; we are looking into instituting a program like this in our High School.

Anthony asks Patty about the issues with the Navigator basketball scheduling, she revealed there was no real issue with the scheduling and there was miscommunication. Next year all teams will go over scheduling together to avoid any confusion.

He mentions that Coach Jasper will be recognized at the next public meeting for his 1000th girls basketball win.

Dewey asks Anthony when the name of Parks and Recreation will be official; this will be brought up to the Borough Admin and Clerk.

There will be fundraisers for football in town this weekend as well.

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Patty received a request for the environmental club to do something in Veterans Park for Earth week. They have done this in the past however when it was done in 2016 there were some issues.

It is up to the Parks and Rec committee to decide if they want to move forward with this event. Patty asked them for a formal letter however nothing has been received yet.

The ordinance for the new prices of field usage needs to be put in. Before this is entered the Borough Admin wanted to Patty to review pricing of other fields and go over with the rec committee again. The committee reviewed the pricing and is satisfied with what they came up with and believe the prices are fair.

There is the idea of putting codes on the field locks so that people do not just have the keys to the fields whenever they want. How do we track who enters the code, provide different one for different sports?

Association Comments

No comments

Ann motions to close the meeting and seconded by Andy

Meeting adjourned, 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, March 1st, 2018, 7:00pm