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**MEETING MINUTES OF March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**

**Attendance:** Dewey Burleson, Ann Cron, John Noone, Andy Puller, Rob Ricco, Josh Deluca, Deb Szabo, Jenna Szabo, John Corring

**Rec Director:** Patty Hughes  
**Councilman:** Anthony DeRosa

**Guests in attendance:**  
Baseball/ Football: John Stanberry  
Soccer/ Lacrosse: Scott P

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and Andy seconded this motion

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for February were approved. First motion made by Rob second by Ann.

**Permit Approval**

Bhive is looking to have an earth day event in conjunction with the shredding event at the DPW. They also would like to collect hazardous waste from residents and get rid of it. This part of the event was denied due to dangerous conditions. They would like the other part of the event to be held in Beechwood Park, Anthony will look further into this before granting the permit due to issues with payment in previous years.

A permit for a bike ride to raise money for autism through Hillsdale on 6/3 was approved.

**Chairman Statement**

Game on! Lets get going on the issues we have discussed.

Patty reports that the Easter Egg hunt will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. She would like people there to help set up at 8:00 AM. The basketball team is ending their season in the playoffs. The wrestling clinic completed their program as well. Next month Patty will begin to advertise for the men and women's softball league.

There was a discussion regarding the mobile fingerprinting truck. They require at least 40 participants before they will give a date. It is very hard to get 40 people to sign up with out have a date. The town will most likely not participate in using this truck given the difficulty of scheduling.

Patty has not received any updates regarding coaching certifications since December. There are still people that are not finger printed and fully certified.

Letters asking for donations for the memorial day parade have been sent out, we have already received 150 dollars. Patty reached out to Wegmans through there portal asking for money as well.

The next senior lunch is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> and will be a St Patty's day theme. The hot lunch program is on hold until April 10<sup>th</sup> due to illnesses.

The senior van is up and running and the next movie at the library will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> and it is Victoria and Abdul.

Patty is still waiting on checks from various sports associations. These fees are to pay for their portion of the accident insurance policy that the borough holds. These fees should be been paid back in December.

### **Dewey's Review**

John Corring mentions that the mens softball team is not as popular with the younger crowd anymore. However the players they do have would like to play more and start the season in May versus June. Corring asks about cost associated with this but says players are willing to pay. He will also coordinate field times with the other associations saying the kids get first preference.

Dewey reminds everyone about the coaching certification and wants to make sure everyone is concussion certified as well. Dewey would like a list from the associations of all coaches from 2018 separate from the previous coaching list. He would like to review with Patty and see who is missing what so he can make sure on opening day there are only certified coaches on the field. Dewey also offers to speak with the associations to drive this point home.

Smith School – Anthony told the board of education that the soccer association would like to use the Smith School field again starting in the fall. They are on board with this however multiple logistics need to be worked out. For example how to police the area so there is no one from the farm parking at Smith. It is believed a uniformed officer would need to be the parking lot for this. The soccer association wants to use the field for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys and girls game from 12-5. Scott was asked to formally write this up.

Dewey met with the borough engineer to discuss upgrades to Memorial Field. He gave some ideas of how to possible get grants for this upgrade. Dewey will discuss this further with DPW, borough admin and committee to see which ideas to present for the grant due on 5/1.

Turns out the borough engineer helped to build the fieldhouse in memorial. It was a volunteer project in the 90's.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hillsdale festival is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. Deb is starting on the flyers, already has some food trucks booked and working on the beer garden as well

### **HS Liaison**

Josh reports that the wrestling team is doing well and going to Atlantic City to compete. The HS girls basketball team is scheduled to play Teaneck.

### **Council Liaison**

Anthony reports that the wrestling and dance team will be recognized at this months council meeting. The people who have also donated to the town and community will be recognized as well. Anthony suggested the idea of hanging banners around town in order to honor those folks. There will also meet an official vote to change the name of this committee to Parks and Recreation.

**Association Comments**

Scott submitted permits for field time as did John, all were approved.

Ann motions to close the meeting and seconded by Deb

Meeting adjourned, 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Anides

**Next meeting, March 5th, 2018, 7:00pm**