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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

Attendance: John Noone, Andrew Puller, Rob Ricco, John Corring, Ann Cron, Dewey Burleson, Deborah Szabo

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa
Director Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:
Soccer: Scott Pearlman
Lacrosse: Todd Hirsch

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and John Corring seconded this motion

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Ann Cron accepted. Rob Riccio seconded this motion

Permit Approval

Permit approved for Hillsdale soccer from June 1 through August at the Centennial Field. Lacrosse requested Stonybrook March 11 through June 11, permit approved for this as well. Arsenal soccer requested Centennial for March, April, May and June on Monday nights. This was coordinated with rec soccer. Hillsdale is charging 50 dollars a game without lights and 75 with lights. Dewey approved this permit. The Bergen Mets asked for Centennial Field as well from May to July on Monday and Wednesday nights. This permit is being put on hold for now. They need to go through the HSBA and give in the proper insurance for this. The rec committee needs to look into what time the lights go out on the field as well.

DeRosa brings up the football 5k run in October. Patty says this is a run by the Hillsdale Hawks and cheerleader from stonybrook throughout town. Per the flow of the process the request comes to rec committee first then then Patty will bring to police and DPW. This race is scheduled to start a 9am. There is a bike race on June 4th called Go the Distance for Autism, It takes several hours and goes through several towns, starting at Bergen Community College.

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Patty mentions the blood drive rooting for Ruta on April 29th. She hands out flyers to committee members to distribute. March 15th is the St Patty's day luncheon for the seniors; they will be having corned beef.

Patty then talks about the various sports. The basketball teams are in the playoffs now moving onto the championships. The navigators ended a successful run and will now start a track program at the high school. The wrestling season is going well

The Easter egg hunt is on April 8th. Patty will be ordering the eggs soon and place her order at ShopRite.

Dewey talks about how he designated certain people to certain events to take some pressure off of Patty. He then talks about how the associations need to hand in their annual tax filing. Per Scott's suggestion Patty will send out an email reminding the associations of this.

Dewey then requests a list of the number of coaches and hours spent by working. He feels putting a number to this will show their value. Scott asks what the information will be used for. Dewey says this number may help with redoing the fields.

Patty mentions that she received an email from Rob LoganChuck complain that there were no men's basketball games in March. Patty explains that this was not true; the dates were moved due to other commitments. A late email was sent out to the men's basketball after Rob LoganChuck had already emailed Patty.

The meeting is now opened to the public, there were no comments.

Dewey then starts Rec Jeopardy, this games leads to various topics that need to be discussed.

DeRosa mentions that Jonathan said the rec committee can fundraise and suggest that we designate a cause. Riccio wants to know if donations are tax deductible. Dewey is hoping to get more corporate money. The topic of rec center comes up; the seniors really want this center to happen. To make a case for it, Patty mentions seniors could be out by 2 and then it can be used for afterschool activities. We can also host various events there, it can possibly be rented for celebrations, bingo, boy and girl scouts can use this. Ann mentions with this rec center they wouldn't need to pay the various churches for their space.

Next was the Memorial Day parade, Deb was able to secure bag pipers which was confirmed via email during the meeting. There will be at least 9 bagpipers coming, hoping for more. Cron said that she spoke with Mayor Frank and he agrees that the floats should not be judged. Mayor Frank also asks if there is anyone with a convertible or classic car that can be used during the parade for the senior veterans can ride in. DeRosa still wants Uncle Sam on stilts but the legion is giving him some pushback. Dewey has other ideas for the parade, they are mostly all humorous. Some serious ideas were a theme of flags and flowers, a rain date, boy scouts carrying banners of each war and a rec department float with an 8th grader singing god bless America. It was mentioned that Patty used to meet with various department heads regarding the parade and Dewey likes this and will institute this again for next year. Dewey says that he wants to talk to the people at the legion themselves. Corring said he will accompany him. The idea of decorating the senior van was also brought up.

Next is Memorial Field, Dewey believes if there needs to be a subcommittee for this. He wants them to come up with ideas for this field. His thoughts to updating the field are to add soil and level the field. He wants this to be appealing to children and have a little playground; it should also have picnic tables and connect to Beachwood Park. Puller says he thinks more needs to be done; He wants to get rid of the fences and redo the dugouts and opens the field up some more.

We will now be calling town day the Hillsdale Fall Festival, everyone is happy with this idea. Patty reached out to various food trucks that are checking their schedules at this time.

The idea of high school kids working with seniors was discussed. The rec committee would come up with the structure for this. At a different meeting a resident from Montvale suggested this idea.

Dewey says his pet peeve is recycling and wants to make sure all fields have recycling cans available.

Andy Puller mentions he likes the idea of a beach volleyball sport at Stonybrook as a social program for the kids.

Anthony DeRosa says that Hillsdale is sponsoring a Rutgers class on March 16th. He is still waiting to hear back on from people on fleet week and if they can attend the parade.

John asks how much is in the rec budget; Patty says from 2016 it was \$70k

John motions to close the meeting and seconded by Ann.

Meeting adjourned, 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, April 6, 2017, 7:00pm