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MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2017

Attendance: John Noone, Andrew Puller, Rob Ricco, Ann Cron, Dewey Burleson, Deborah Szabo, Jenna Szabo, David Dembrowski

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa
Patty absent

Guests in attendance:
Soccer: Scott Pearlman
Soccer Arsenal: Victor Rack
Lacrosse: Michael Loughlin
Baseball: Abby Lundy

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Dewey gave me the March minutes to update.

Permit Approval

No permits approved, want to discuss with Patty and other recreation coordinators. Arsenal soccer dates are ok with recreational soccer and will most likely be approved after discussion. Arsenal team ok with changing times of their games if need be but would like to keep the dates. Will work with the baseball coordinators on timing and sharing the field. Bergen pirate's baseball permit not approved, they were difficult to deal with last year and did not pay the fee.

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion: - Patty out, read by Rob Riccio

Basketball season ended in March, they are already looking for adult volunteers for next season

Wrestling completed a good season

There is a senior lunch on 4/19 at St Johns

Patty has the list from the HSBA to review for coaching certificate purposes.

There is a brief discussion about Memorial Day parade. Patty said she still needs cards for veterans. Wants to see if anyone can help getting older cars. Andy Puller wants Patty to send an email reminder about this. Abby says she spoke with a resident about this and waiting to hear back.

Patty's report said that camp registration starts on 4/1, camp runs from 6/26-7/28 and jobs open 5/1. The Navigator program coordinators will receive a plaque for their hard work on 4/17.

An ad was placed in the Pascack press for mens and womens baseball. Games open on 4/22 and the porta potties will be delivered week of 4/10

The annual Easter egg hunt is this Saturday, set up at 8:00 bunnies arrive at 8:30 and line up is a 9:00. DeRosa, Cron, DiRicco, and Debra say they can come help set up.

Dewey congrats PV girls basketball team on their great season.

Debra announced that the bag pipers canceled due to a work commitment. Debra is going to keep looking and has other people looking. DeRosa says he can get some for the ceremony. We are already looking for bag pipers for next year.

Next we talked about the coaching certifications. Dewey would like all coaches certified by opening day for all sports. Still deciding on how we can make this happen. DeRosa mentioned that there was a baseball coach meeting in which about half of the coaches showed up. This list was emailed to Patty and she will see what these coaches have and what they need. DeRosa also sent Patty a list of 5 qualifications for coaching that he wants Patty to review. Dewey's biggest concern is that someone will get hurt and the coach there won't be certified. The biggest problem sport is soccer since a lot of the coaches for this sport are new. Baseball opens on 4/22 and Dewey would like the final coach list at least one week before opening. It was mentioned that Patty does not have a lot of the paperwork from before 2014, Abby is concerned that this will be a lot of work for coaches to be recertified. Loughlin from lacrosse says they have a safety officer who is tasked with the coaching certifications. There are about 30 lacrosse coaches, 70 for baseball and 50-60 for soccer.

Dewey has an idea of trying to put a value of the amount of hours volunteers put into working with rec. He also would like to get square footage on the parks and try to find a way to put numbers to these for PR value. Abby said she should be able to get the number of hours the coaches and volunteers put in.

The group needs to come up with Eagle Scout ideas and send them off to Dewey or Patty. Deb suggests painting a parking lot with lines or painting fire hydrants.

The meeting is then opened to the public. The permits are brought up and reviewed again. The arsenal coach sits at the table and goes over the permits. One permit needs to be changed because the game is listed as starting before noon. Most other games are approved, the coach says that the dates of the games are the biggest concern and not the times. He will work with the baseball coordinator to make sure all dates approved.

Next Dewey introduces the Wheel of Recreation. Abby spins the wheel it lands on tribe volunteer. John is going to take the lead on this. This project is about having kids help disabled people and/or seniors. Next the wheel lands on parks. Dewey's idea is to have people plant flowers in parks and take care of them for the year. We need to figure out how to advertise this idea. Next the wheel lands on the Fall Festival. Dewey hands out a list of all new ideas for this year's festival including food trucks, photo booths and dunk tanks. There is a subcommittee assigned to this who can meet in groups of 3 at the most to discuss the ideas.

Dewey hands a sketch of memorial field and explains he wants to level the field, extend the parking, make a new curb, link fields and create a picnic area. His idea is to also create a rec center above the field house, there is an existing second floor. The idea of making a ramp or November.

DeRosa takes the floor and says that little leagues coaches need to be further certified. They can be morally qualified for their background check. Abby and DeRosa mention that the DPW is getting the fields ready for baseball. There is a field distribution list that talks about the status of the fields. The town is waiting for Suez to turn the water back on. Denise sends out an email and posts the status of fields on the website.

Ann motions to close the meeting and seconded by Deb

Meeting adjourned, 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, May 4, 2017, 7:00pm