

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF April 9th 2018**

Attendance: Dewey Burleson, Ann Cron, John Noone, 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 Perlman

Lacrosse/ Mike Laughlin

Football/. Greg Staub

Arsenal Soccer/ Victor Rack

Environmental Committee/ Meredith Kates

BHive/ James Alba

DPW/ Bill Haffler

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for March were approved. First motion made by Ann second by John Corring

Permit Approval

Hillsdale Hawks looking to have a 5K run on September 30th at 9:00 AM, this was approved.

Curtain Call wants to hold an arts festival on June 2nd, tabling this to next meeting as not all the paperwork is in order.

Victor Rack, dates for Arsenal soccer- Scott agrees to requested dates, permit approved.

Chairman Statement

9 Months to go!

Directors Report

Patty reports that letters for Memorial Parade donations have gone out. They have received a few responses. Wegmans donated 500 dollars. All senior events and lunches have been canceled due to the weather except for the trip to see a play last Saturday. The next lunch is scheduled for 4/18.

The Easter Egg hunt went very well and was well attended. The next event is the Memorial Day parade.

Topics for Discussion

The new superintendent of the DPW, Bill Haffler speaks to the group in attendance about the current state of the fields and their plans. He says that none of the fields are in good shape due to the weather, the rain and snow cause a real a problem this year. The fields are currently not open and the DPW will make calls on when they will be. He has a meeting with the new landscaper to go over the fields. Right now their priority is Stonybrook as since the swim club opens next month. They were also asked to concentrate on Memorial since Saturday is the opening day for baseball. The idea is to have opening ceremonies and a game. The DPW will make the call on Friday if they can play based on the shape of the field. The DPW has also been in touch with Suez as they are waiting on water meters for various fields and have been unable to get them. Therefore there is no water at the fields. Bill Haffler would like to meet with baseball to discuss the fields and keep everyone in the loop. Mike L from lacrosse said they need the stonybrook field for Friday lacrosse and needs the fields lined. Bill Haffler and the DPW will try to accommodate everyone's request and will make on a final call on the usage of this field as well closer to game time.

James Alba from the Bhive is in attendance. He is looking to get his permit approved for an Earth Day event on April 22nd. Anthony and Dewy have spoken to James in the past regarding this event however there were still many questions and concerns around it. The borough attorney had some questions as well that needed to be answered before the mayor and council makes their final decision. James answers the questions regarding permits, food trucks, and insurance and explains what else is planned for the event. He says he has local bands scheduled. PSA's about the environment, vendors, and animal shows. The rec committee is very worried given the time frame and that the event is scheduled for only two weeks from now. Meredith from the environmental committee says they would be minimally involved as they would just communicate via email regarding the event but James and his staff would be running the actual event.

The rec committee expresses their concerns over parking and who cleans up and who will pay for the additional labor this would entail. James says he can cover the labor cost however there is still a concern that there is not enough time to get this all together and the event will not go off as it should.

Victor from arsenal soccer asks if it is required that there is payment for practice games. Dewey says that it is required now as it is a new ordinance and the fields are still being used, therefore stressed which will require them to be worked on. Scott makes a point in which everyone agrees, that if you are going to be charging that money should go back into the fields and their care. Dewey says that was his point and he is fully onboard with that.

Council Liaison

Anthony reports that the letters for the open space grant are due by April 22nd. We are asking to create walk ways at memorial field, if the grant is chosen the borough must match the grant money. Anthony asks that Patty prices out mats and ruts for the fields, They are looking to replace the padding around various posts for safety reasons. There will be work being done on the band shell at beechwood park. There was an application that was denied and needs to be resubmitted for work on the playground in beechwood as well.

At this time all of the citizens leave and the committee remains to further discuss the permit for the Earth Day event run by James Alba of the bhive. There is a discussion between members giving pros and cons for this event. Members of the committee all give their opinion as to why

or why not to hold the event. In the end the decision is up to mayor and council. The committee takes a vote and decides against granting the permit to Mr. Alba. This decision will be passed onto mayor and council and they will make the final call. Dewey offers to call Mr. Alba to tell him of this decision and inform him he can attend the council meeting if he would like.

Meeting adjourned, 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, May 3rd, 2018, 7:00pm