

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF 4/8/24**

Mayor : Michael Sheinfield

Councilman: Clemente Osso

Rec Director: Dan Conte

Attendance: John, Ed, Sara, Jill, Greg, Ann

Public: Craig K, Van Martin, Ronald Miller

- John called meeting to order at 6:34

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes

- Approved by Sara and seconded by Ann

Remarks from Citizens/Sports Association

Van Martin

- Owns an entertainment agency the focuses on bands and kids entertainment. He has worked with Hillsdale and is currently working with Sara and the camp.

Ronald Miller

- Chairperson for Access for All. Would like to establish a relationship with the recreation committee. He would like to work on some projects together including an ADA playground. Dan is looking into grants and Jakes law for this.

Craig Kardell

- Discusses available grants.

Dan's recreation report

- Field updates – DPW worked on getting fields ready for opening day, they are still doing additional work. They are still getting additional clay brought in.
- Will order clay in the fall moving forward so it is ready for the fall
- Tarps will be ordered to cover dug outs
- Ralph park – Looking for a swing set for the grass side. Meeting with a swing set company, hope to have it done by 6/1
- Camp update – registration opened 3/15. 2 camps sold out right away. There is a long wait list. To prepare for next year Dan will examine how the summer goes and how to expand. The field trip and Little Hawks camp are still open. Do we add a out of town registration fee? Does that include Rivervale who has a half day camp open to Hillsdale.
- After discussions they will add out of town fees to programs starting 1/1/25
- The new summer brochure will be coming out on 5/15.
- Looking into a movie night either in May or August.
- Logo contest – 2 submitted, extended the deadline and looking for additional submittals
- Dan thanks all who helped out with the egg hunt. Maybe next year set up a spot to take pictures with the bunny.
- Memorial Day parade being worked on. There will be a ceremony followed by a parade. Sara will sing and find out about including the St Johns choir. Cookies will be handed out.
- Fall fest scheduled for 9/29. Hours are 12-4. They are looking for someone to hire to watch the beer garden.

Update on Summer concert series

- Sara states that bands are being booked and we are currently looking for sponsors to help out
- First concert is family friendly on 6/25
- Second concert will be either 7/10 or 7/17
- 7/31 is Beattlemania and final concert of the series

Dan's social media updates

- Dan got access to the facebook account
- He plans on being active on the account and post things/ share information often
- A stipend will be given to the camp director in order for them to pose pictures and information throughout the camp day.
- Dan shows a draft of a brochure he created with all recreation programs
- Dewey brings up his idea for a mailer again. Another idea of a mailer just for seniors was brought up
- Salary of rection director currently coming from rec trust, committee wants the salary to come from the line item that other boro employees get paid from.

Council comments

- Clemente mentions there is a reallocation of money which is will allow for additional money in the rec trust account.
- Would like the CFO to come to a meeting and explain the balance and how the rec trust fund works

□Ed made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:37pm, seconded by John