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MEETING MINUTES OF May 2, 2019

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Ann Cron, Rob Ricco, John Corring, Greg Stalb

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Rob Harris

Drew Metz

Mike L

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved, motioned by Ann 2nd by Debbie

Rec Directors Report

The egg hunt went well even though it took place inside. Patty as the rec director should be sending out thank you notes however someone sent it out instead of her.

Memorial Day parade is all set, it will be starting at 9:45 so the bag pipers can play. Ice cream and water donated by ShopRite will be served. The senior van will be available to seniors during the parade.

Recreation department is very busy with camp and stonybrook registration. There will be a new camp director next year however Patty cannot reveal who it is at this time.

On May 8th there is a meeting with Capture to train on the new modules of Community Pass.

On 5/9, the seniors will be entertained by an Elvis impersonator and on 5//19 there will be guitar duo at the senior lunch.

90% of summer concerts will be moved to Beechwood Park.

Chairman's Report

Dewey says the committee is once voice, if you have any questions or comments, please bring them up at the meetings. He believes the rec committee needs to start advertising on their own. A lot of people in town are not aware of all the programs being offered. Patty says we have advertised in the past and was sponsored by the hospital. Dewey would like to create and send out a newsletter. He shows an example of a newsletter. The biggest concern is cost. Ideally they would like to have this newsletter out over the summer so the festival can be advertised. The rec committee would be in charge of the content.

There is roughly 10-15K left from the Beechwood grant. This money was supposed to go to different things for the park but the spend was never discussed. They want to replace benches

and table but that will cost way over what is left. Dewey mentions fixing the seating. And shows a picture of seating. There are also columns that need to be fixed and the storage room is still full of garbage. BA to call insurance and see what can be done. Dewey wants everything to come by us and have a coordinated effort on deciding how money is used going forward. The money recently spent for beechwood did not go through council.

Dewey hands out a list of all items that need to be fixed at Memorial, from big to small. These list came from all the discussions people have had. We have 160K to spend on that field (80K from grant and boro is matching) Dewey would like himself, Patty and the subcommittee to meet with the boro engineer to go over pricing. Another engineering report came in with suggestions both big and small. The committee was not made aware of the total cost of these and Anthony said the information will be shared at a later date. He needs to look at the long and short term plans for the fields. Greg asked if the town has ever hired grant writers. Anthony responds saying no, the town uses the engineer but the idea had been discussed, this year the town put in a grant to fix centennial. Dewey encourages the use subcommittees to get together so they can report back to group going forward. Some of the members may attend the council meeting in June. At this time Drew Metz in the audience says they do not want all the fundraising efforts go to only fixing memorial and dry up the well. Soccer does not use that field and last year the field conditions were so bad that the team had to race a space indoors. Greg brings up the idea of Smith school again it is quickly moved on from as this issue is not in our hands anymore. Rob from softball mentioned that some parents would be interested in painting the walls/dugouts with hawks. Another thought was to add flag poles to the field. Rob wants to know if the field policy can go out to their members of the team. The town says no not at this time, still needs to be reviewed but do keep on doing what they are doing, it is working. Billy needs to revamp the field policy check list before it can go out.

Council Liaison

Anthony tried to get the navy to the join the parade bit they were not available. He informs every one of the events called Rally in the Valley which is baseball games to raise money for people in need. The town is spending 90K to get two new trucks for the DPW that will help with clean the fields, it is suggested they fix Knick to make it useable like Cora. Cora is still not completely fixed but much better, forms us that there is a group called Unity in the Valley that is made of Hillsdale, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale and Rivervale. This group was informed to address the discrimination that has been seen in some of those towns. There will be events, and education provided to those who attend.

Public Comments

Comments were made during the meeting.

Deb motions to close and Corring 2nds

Closed 8:10

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, June 6th.