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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF May 3rd 2018**

Attendance: Dewey Burleson, Ann Cron, Jenna Szabo, Andy Puller, Rob Ricco

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Baseball/ Football: John Stanberry

Soccer/ Lacrosse: Scott Perlman

Frank Pizzella - Council

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April were approved. First motion made by Ann second by Rob Ricco

Permit Approval

Permit approved for NJ Wild Things to use the fields at night with lights. This was OKed by John Stanbury.

Chairman Statement

Now or Never!

Topics for Discussion

The Memorial Day Parade is approaching. Frank Pizzella brought up that there is an eagle scout who would like to do a bake sale to raise money for the homeless as his project. He wanted to do it on the day of the Memorial Day parade in Veterans Park, this was not approved so it was suggested that he sells by the train station. Does the American Legion really have a say on this who is in charge of the train station? This is will be voted up at the council meeting. As another Eagle project Dewey brings up the idea of painting a mural on the band shell in Beechwood Park. Frank suggests you reach out to the PV art students to help with this. This year the parade will also include bag pipers, we have reserved the Bergen County Pipes and Drums to play.

The discussion of coaching certification was brought up again. At this point this topic has been discussed multiple times and people know what to do. Dewey is in favor of the sports association running their own show since they are nonprofit but need to keep up on the coaching certifications. He will not allow anyone who is not certified to be able to coach. Dewey was meeting with the soccer association that evening to discuss any questions and concerns about this.

The fields were the next topic of discussion. Dewey and Andy who are familiar with the fields are very involved with whatever issues are going on. They are actively working with the DPW to make sure the fields are ready to be played on. Dewey would like to be involved with what the sports association's needs and wants are for these fields.

John Stanburry asked for a meeting with Patty and the DPW to address some of baseballs needs for the fields and things that are have not been fixed.

Per Frank Pizzella, the associations have the right to get what they need as they are in a contract with the town. He would like the boro admin not just the rec committee so that actual progress can be made the boro admin can sign off on labor costs etc.

There is an annual tradition of a parent teacher softball game that takes place at Meadowbrook every year. The Board of Education will not insure this game so the baseball association will sponsor the game so they will be insured under them. This game will take place at Memorial Field and there will be hot dogs and other treats being sold. A Board of Health permit needs to be obtained for the selling of the food; this is currently being worked on. The men's softballs game will have to be moved for this one game.

The ordinance changing the title of the rec committee to Parks and Recreation has not been voted upon just yet. Anthony would like to add more to this ordinance giving the committee a more robust responsibility.

In reviewing past meetings and the needs of the town, it is decided that Memorial Field and Beechwood Park are the most important parks to the town. With that being said there is a letter of intent for a grant application that would affect these parks. We would like to build a walking path, update the parking lot, fences and benches as well as build a playground. This grant is a matching grant and we are asking for 160K so the town would need to come up with 80K. The town council needs to vote on if they approve the grant request; this will need to get on the meeting agenda soon. There is another grant to build a barrier free playground. There is discussion on whether or not we have the proper open air space to build this type of playground. The grant associated with this is not matching.

The town festival was the next topic of discussion. Deb Szabo created new vendor forms for this event. The date is 9/15 from 12-5. There is a DJ already booked along with a number of food trucks. Deb will reach out to other vendors starting in June and the subcommittee will begin to start meeting.

Council Liaison

Anthony reports that this year at the Memorial Day Parade we will have 15 service men joining us. We need to provide transportation and Anthony has been working on that. We will also provide the service men breakfast and then they will have lunch at the American Legion. We were told that Rivervale canceled their parade so our attendance may be up. Anthony will put together a press release for this event and run it past Dewy and Patty. Anthony wants to discuss the route and who is involved with the parade. Patty says this has all been taken care of and there is no Memorial Parade committee to meet with. Dewey suggests that the American Legion come to a meeting in the fall to discuss what they would like to see at the parade.

Anthony has been in touch with James Alba from the Bhive who would like to have his earth day event next year. He was told to come back to the council meetings. His tentative date for next year is 4/28.

Hillsdale will be recognizing Neil Haring this year with a plaque. He was one of the founding people of the Friends of Pascack Brook. Al Murphy will be considered next year.

The use of Smith Field in the fall was brought up at other council meetings. There needs to be a discussion of the cost of the police to help with parking. The police chief will provide this. Soccer is asking for the use of this field on Saturdays 12-5 and Sundays 12-4. Frank thinks all sports associations should work together on what their needs and wants are as they will then have a more powerful voice. The soccer association really wants Smith school back. If they play at Stonybrook they ask that fences be built b/c they are losing balls in the brook by Stonybrook. Scott will send the fencing request to the committee.

For the baseballs fields Bill from the DPW said they were willing to remove the tarp from the fields if baseball will lay them if this is still something they are interested in.

Directors Report

Patty reports that camp registration is going well and they are very busy.

The Tuesday hot lunch program for seniors will be on hold until the fall and will now be held in the borough hall.

People have been sending in some fingerprinting information. Eileen M will help Patty sort through it all over the summer.

John Stanberry of baseball reports that opening day was a big success. He also mentions that the navigators have the field every Saturday after them and they need help with volunteers. Patty will send out a blast asking for help.

Soccer tries to schedule their games before the navigator's games so that hopefully the soccer association kid wills stick around and help them out.

Dewy suggests location change to memorial field for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, June 7th, 2018, 7:00pm