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MEETING MINUTES OF 5/6/24

Councilman: Clemente Osso

Rec Director: Dan Conte

Attendance: John, Ed, Sara, Jill, Greg, Rhonda, Justin

Borough CFO – David Youn

Council Member – John Ruocco

Public: Rob Harris

- Dan called meeting to order at 6:34

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes

- Approved by John and seconded by Ed

The borough CFO David Young came to discuss how budgeting and the finances work within the recreation department. David passes around the line items and balances. He states that all money coming in should come in with a purpose. There is a recreation trust fund that does not have a specific ordinance in place as to how it can be used. For the most part funds should be program specific and designated back into the program in which they came from. There are certain line items in the budget that are designated to specific field improvements. Dan would like to consolidate some of the accounts and make it more streamlined moving forward. The recreation trust account is a more generic account that can be used across accounts.

Remarks from Citizens/Sports Association

Rob Harris – HBSA had a good opening day and the season is underway. He states that the DPW and Dan have been good to work with.

Dan's recreation report

- Field updates – Clay is now in and hoping it will make Smith playable.

- There was a resolution from 20 years ago stating that Centennial field can not be used on Sundays before 12. There is a request for an outside baseball team to play on that field in the morning. Commission is OK with this and wants to discuss a fee schedule for field usage.
- Ralph Park improvements are in the works. Hoping everything will be completed by end of June/July.
- Dan will be coming up with a 5-6 park improvement plan.
- Dan will be applying for the Jakes Law grant which will cover 75% of fees for updating the park to be ADA compliant
- Camp Pascack and Adventure are sold out. Woodcliff lake camp reached out to offer camp to our waitlisted kids. There will be a family summer concert that has the same theme as a camp day.
- Dan has hired an onsite EMT for camp
- There will be 3 summer concerts with sponsorships from Valley Bank Shoprite and PV hospital/ John will asking Davey's about about sponsorship
- Dan now has access to the social media account and will start posting
- The commission has narrowed it down to 2 logos to represent the recreation department
- The summer brochure will be released on 5/15.

Council comments

- Clemente thanks David Young for joining the meeting.
- The money spent on engineering fees, DEP and design work is approximately \$400,000
- There is a lot of focus on the plans moving forward and the work on centennial this summer.
- John suggests to Clemente that the field commission join the next meeting.

Sara made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:48pm, seconded by Rhonda