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MEETING MINUTES OF June 6, 2019

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Ann Cron, Rob Ricco, Greg Stalb, Michele Hausman, Jamie Kohan

Rec Director: Patty Hughes
Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:
Drew Metz

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of Minutes

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

Permit Approvals

Thunder baseball wanted to use the Knick field multiple days starting 6/3 till end of July. Patty to follow up to see which days.

Dewey lists all of the accomplishments and changes made by this committee

Rec Directors Report

Patty met with community pass, they are not quite ready to have outside downloads in their system yet. Jonathan will have the people from community pass come in to train others on the system.

Camp has around 295 kids signed up.

For basketball there will be a new coach, Bob who used to coach hoops.

BOE is redoing the Smith school gym. Hoops and rec were going to go half on new hoops in Meadowbrook but they are holding off for now as they want to concentrate on Smith. Hoops wants to pay for a scoreboard at George White.

The men's 35 and up basketball team has 81 players and the women's has 64.

7/13 there will be a luau at Stony brook swim club from 5:30-7:30.

Environmental commission will be doing a cleanup of beech wood but they never mentioned it to the committee and they need to going forward as well get a permit.

The beech wood closet is still not cleaned up, now waiting on insurance to take care of it although Patty was told it still cannot be used due to the leak.

Memorial Day Parade was not well attended, the DPW forgot the chairs and the water was warm.

Thinking of attending an activity to get attendance up but need to check with the American Legion. Anthony wants to start up the meetings around this event again.

The day of the Hillsdale Festival is the same day as the Firemen's convention, will need to watch out for this next year.

The field policy was approved and went out to the associations. Dewey mentions one of the lines about permits was removed from the original draft.

Chairman's Report

Dewey firmly believes that the needs to be more media coverage of what the committee is doing, others agree. The biggest issue with the newsletter is cost. We will look to see if advertisers can be included. We are estimating it will cost about 1500 to send the mailing out to the entire town. Perhaps there is money in the rec trust fund? Michele offers to help but newsletter together and Dewey says the committee will provide the content.

There was further discussion of Beech wood and the band shell. The committee is still questioning where the 65K went and how much is left. The money was supposed to fix the band shell and the closet. There is pushback from the group when told the closet will be unusable even after it is cleaned. The closet is needed for all the events that will be had at the band shell. Anthony will look into this. With the remaining money they are looking into buying picnic tables and benches. These are very expensive, so may give an option for residents to buy a plaque and pay for the bench with their name on it.

There is discussion regarding all of the improvements on the various fields in town. There was a meeting with Chris Statile regarding all of the renovation suggestions. Dewey would like to meet with him as well. This way he can prepared to answer any questions constituents may have regarding the field improvements. Anthony will come up with a 1-3 year plan on how to address fixing the multiple fields. It was suggested that we put the money into Centennial field as it might be the most beneficial. There was a concern regarding the amount of parking available there however some ideas of how to correct that are floating around. Anthony would like the associations take on that before any decisions have been made. There will be changes made to Memorial with the grant money however there is possibility of doing a lot more work in the future. Anthony will bring his 1-3 year plan to the committee at the next meeting. Greg mentions that Glen Rock recently spent 10 million dollars on field renovations.

Council Liaison

Anthony spoke during the meeting please see comments above.

Public Comments

Drew Metz questions the field policy and wants to know if paperwork needs to be filled out for each game as per the policy. He says they have multiple games on the same day so filling out one should be sufficient. He also thinks the checklist is geared towards baseball. Patty says there is always room to change things.

Ann motions to close and Rob 2nds

Closed 8:16

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, July 4th