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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF May 3rd 2021.**

Attendance: John Corring, ,Greg Stalb, Ann Cronn, , Dewey Burlson. Sara Armstrong, Michele Hausch

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Recreation Director: Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:

Mayor John Rucco

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

The meeting starts off with a discussion of the Memorial Day parade. This year will be a smaller ceremony in Veterans park. There will be a new PA system and the HS band will be there

Camp registration has been taking place. There are 100 children signed up already. They are taking roughly 200 kids due to COVID. This will help with bussing. A entire COVID plan is being worked on. John Noone will be the camp director and he is currently working on trips or the kids. Stonybrook will run a camp as well.

Eileen will be leaving the recreation department so Patty is looking for someone new to come on. She will be moving over to be Borough Adminstrators assistant.

Patty brings up the idea of doing a car show in October at Stonybrook. This event would have food trucks and car entries and be a way to make some money.

Debbie checks in about pickeball, this is still in the works and will be taking place at the HS.

There have been multiple requests to use beechwood. The requests include parties and school events.

The approval of the minutes took place. They were approved by John and seconded by Debbie. All minutes have now been sent to Patty and Denise.

Sara Armstrong came up with a family music program. The idea was for the summer. In this program each work children would learn a new short classical piece. This piece will be displayed either live or taped and have an activity to go along with it. Sara will reach out to the high school

to see if the students are available to play the pieces live and see how much it cost. Everyone on the committee thinks this is a great idea, not sure if it could replace the summer concert series.

In the past in order to put on the concerts funds needed to be raised and sponsorships given. In the past the borough admin had asked to charge for these functions however the committee does not agree with this.

The committee mentions that there is money in the trust. They suggest moving the money that was for the festival that we are no longer having to other recreation events. Sara also suggests putting on a concert and asking for donations. Her and her husband are able to put on two concerts. Dewey asks the mayor if it is possible to budget for concerts again.

There is additional permit talk for sports and PV theater. All permits are approved.

There were some scheduling issue for baseball and soccer however these have been resolved. Soccer reports that the spring season of soccer has been successful. They have roughly 200 kids playing ages preK-4th grade. They do ask if there is a porta pottys on Stonybrook where a lot of the kids are playing. Soccer association asks about using Smith in the Fall. They like that there is no crossing the street like with Stonybrook. The recreation committee agrees that soccer should be able to use Smith but there are issue with parking and the farm.

Council Liaison

Anthony loves Sara's idea as well. He tells everyone that the budget was passed at the council meeting. The idea is to turf centennial and build a recreation center. The recreation committee would have some involvement in these things.

There is a grant to replace the lighting on certain feilds to LED lighting. They are looking into accepting this grant as it may come with certain rules. The Greenacres grant lands you on a rosi list which could prevent the town from doing certain thing with its land. Chris will be meeting the contractor provided by the state though.

Billy, the borough administration, Chris Statile, Patty and Greg did look at centennial again to figure out how the current grant money will be spent. They also mention that the bandshell roof and seating issue is being addressed.

The entire committee thanks each other for their hardwork. John Corring thanks the mayor as well for all he has been doing for our town.

Debbie mentions there is an access for all art show. Greg asks to advertise but this has already been happening and the event is going out in town emails.

John motions to close and Debbie 2nds

Closed 8:44

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Anides

Next meeting, June 3rd.