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MEETING MINUTES OF 6/9/2025**

Rec Director: Dan Conte

Attendance: Ed, Sara Dewey, Ann

Sports Association – Kevin Sullivan, Craig Kardell, Lou Casale

Council – John Rucco

Ed called meeting to order at 6:33

Pledge of allegiance

Open to public

Debbie Moy from the public comes out to speak on behalf of pickleball. She is representing a group of residents who are interested in adding a pickleball court to the memorial plans. Debbie provides a petition she had from change.org with 130 signatures. She talks to the committee about how pickleball has affected her. She has made friends, built a community, it's good for health. She also states will avoid conflict and over use of other sports courts. Clemente is not at the meeting to speak to the latest plans but the pickleball court is not in the current Memorial plans. Discussions of how there are pickleball courts in Rivervale and Woodcliff Lake are had. The town would like to look for the right spot for these courts, but the committee is supportive of the idea.

The May meeting minutes are approved by Sara and Dewey.

The committee is hoping to have a decision on the turf in the next few weeks. The choice is between synthetic and pivot. There is an email out to the sports association about this decision. It looks like they are leaning towards pivot. All the work has been completed at Centennial field and Lou says it looks great. Kevin questions the lights that were left on at the field. Dan states the DPW will go down and try to fix the issue. Craig talks about the Memorial fieldhouse and his plans to make it functional. The room can be used as a multipurpose room. Dewey asks for a wish list as he is supportive of using and fixing up the fieldhouse. There are some concerns about the ability to get into the bathroom there as not everyone has keys. Dan put a lockbox with a code. A keypad and use of key fobs are discussed as well.

Kevin asks about winter soccer and wants to ensure there is a place for the children to play. Dan is open to asking PV but they have been difficult to communicate with.

Fall soccer registration has started and ends on 7/15.

Eagle Scout project.

A scout came to talk about some possible eagle scout projects. He has proposed making a path/trails at beechwood, these will include signs to designate where the trail splits. The other idea was adding a trail to Sapienza/centennial. The committee believes the beechwood plan is a better idea. The centennial plan would include county land. More details about the beechwood plan will be emailed out.

Rec director report

Summer camp is ready and is scheduled from 6/30-8/1. There has been additional trips as well as a carnival added. There will be an EMT on staff again.

The Summer concerts have been scheduled. People have been asking Sara about the concerts being at the bandshell giving the state of the roof. Dan would like to schedule a meeting with Sara and Mike to review the issue with the bandshell.

Weeklong programming and one-off programming have been scheduled due to it being summer months.

Dan had a walk through of the new community center, it is projected to open April 2026. He said it is coming along nicely.

Memorial Day parade was a success. Thank you to Dewey for donating he flags. Not many people showed up at the park after the parade

The welcome to the summer event was postponed due to the weather, a new date will be announced.

Events are scheduled for the following dates

Fall festival 9/13

Movie night 8/26

Oktoberfest 10/4

Meeting adjourned at 7:36