

HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF July 11, 2019

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

Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Drew Metz

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minute approval were tabled to next meeting

Permit Approvals

PV Bergen best soccer team wants Knick field 7/22-7/26 from 8:30-2:30. This was approved. There was an issue regarding permit approvals. The environmental committee and HSBA held events without permits. Borough administrator wants permit requests going through council now. The committee was made aware that the borough admin sent a letter to the environmental committee, this letter was not very complimentary. Patty did send a thank you note to them for their help with the cleanup of the park.

Rec Directors Report

Camp is underway and the kids are in Meadowbrook and united Methodist church. There was an accident at the swim club, one of the members hit themselves on the diving board. All of the Stonybrook staff were able to attend to the member and they are doing fine. The grant for the seniors program is finished and the new one is for arts and crafts. The concerts in the park are Patty researched how much a newsletter would cost to print and mail, the cost she was quoted was \$1910.

Chairman's Report

Dewey firmly believes that the needs to be more media coverage of what the committee is doing, others agree. He thinks we can also ask people to advertise in the newsletter making it less expensive to send out. It was also said that the publicity of the rec events gained by the newsletter will bring in money and offset whatever the cost was. The idea is for the events to bring in more people from the community and more money to put into the rec trust fund. Anthony says in order to cut cost perhaps the newsletter can be sent out with the tax bill, however Dewey would like to keep things separate. Patty as well as George DeRosa were voted as hometown heroes.

The band shell in beechwood and the remaining may now possibly go to enlarging the seating area. Patty and the BA met to talk about benches and it was decided that most likely the leftover money will go to increase bleacher seating. These seats have been chalked out according to Patty. Dewey would have liked to see a plan and get the opinion of the rest of the committee before any decisions were made. Patty will ask the BA for drawing of the plans. Patty would also like to be able to use the closet there. There is still a leak and chance of mold growing however if this was corrected the closet could be used for many purposes. It would be good for storage, and as dressing room for example.

The Hillsdale festival is approaching in September and this year there may be an Oyster Bar There is a young man with a business who would like to participate. He would be set up near the beer garden. This year there will be 2 bands, no DJ or dunk tank. The committee is working with the police to close off certain streets.

The discussion of Memorial Field starts up. Dewey provides a list of priorities and Anthony would like him to present this in front of the council. At the moment the biggest priority is believed to be the leveling of the field.

Drew from soccer says their organization does not use memorial but would like to see something done with centennial. Anthony showed a possible plan for Centennial. 2 different firms suggested the town would get more for their money by fixing centennial versus memorial. This fields can accommodate, soccer, football and lacrosse. There is limited parking however there was an idea that the road from Woodcliff lake can be made into parking spots.

Dewey discusses his priority list and thinks soccer could move to memorial if it is fixed.

There was clay deceived to memorial and it is sitting on the field, no one knows why it was there. Will ask the DPW to find out. The DPW will also be taking classes to learn about the clay and the fields. There was further discussion of the fields and a lot of back and forth regarding all of the topics discussed above as well as over the last year.

Dewey motions to close and Ann 2nds

Closed 8:23

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, August 1st