

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF July, 13, 2017**

Attendance: Dewey Burleson, John Noone, Rob Ricco, Ann Cron, Deborah Szabo, Jenna Szabo, David Dembrowski

Rec Director: Patty Hughes
Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Baseball: Abby Lundy
Soccer: Scott P
Lacrosse: Mike

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Ann seconded this motion

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: May and June Accepted by Dewey with slight changes seconded by Debra and voted to approve.

Chairman Statement

Dewey says he has 6 meetings left on his term and talks about all that has been accomplished this year including setting up sub committees, bowling for dollars, making coaching certifications smoother, upgrade events, field coordination, park assessments and upgrades, and discussion building of rec center.

Permit Approval

Permit given to Patty at meeting by Scott P from soccer. He is asking for the George White, Smith School, Centennial and Stony brook fields for the soccer season of 9am – 9pm August through November. Dewey signed off on this request. Patty also mentioned she received an email from someone looking to rent soccer fields, she gave them the information and rules and is waiting to hear back from them.

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Camp has been very busy. There were two trips scheduled for Friday July 14th that were canceled due to weather. The campers will be going to the movies and for pizza instead. The CFO approved this change and had the borough lay out the funds so the campers could do this last minute versus sending an invoice.

Adult softball is going well, there is one participant who has not paid in recent years and there will be measures taken to make sure she is not on the field and that she pays what she owes.

The pool night on July 13th only had 10 people sign up. It was cancelled due to weather however. The borough will pick another date and do a better job of advertising it so that hopefully more people sign up. It is geared toward the 35-45 crowds.

Dewey's Review

Dewey met with Ann Cron and Marie Hanlon from the 50+ club to discuss a rec center. He asked what they need to make this happen. This topic will be address again after the fall festival. John Noone spoke to the guidance counselors at the high school and they are interested in helping out with the Tribe Volunteers program. John will put together a set of rules/ guidelines for this program and will provide to the high school. This program should start again in September.

The next part of the meeting is about the event formally known as Town Day. It will now be called Hillsdale's Day in the Park/ Hillsdale Fall Festival. The police have agreed to participate on this day. There is a subcommittee that has met multiple times to plan for this event. They have come up with sponsorship forms for businesses. There are various levels of sponsors each receive something different based on the level of sponsorship. Debra printed out a list of the businesses that need to be solicited in town. People who want to participate take a list and have agreed to ask that business if they would like to sponsor this town event. There are closed to 300 and about 150 that can be mailed including churches. Andy mentions that he wants to help but is going on vacation soon. Per Dewey he would like to see the stores being targeted by the end of July while the organizations can be hit in August. Some people that have already committed are Stickys, a Greek food truck, Roots food truck and a seafood food truck. John Noone will ask Big Daddy's to participate. Debra also secured a dunk tank, a face painter, and someone to do caricatures. She is working with someone on pony rides as well. They are in need of band and Patty will reach out to Jim Pfeifer. The committee is also looking into getting the PV dance team to perform; John Noon will ask his wife about this. At the next meeting the commission will discuss different festival games as well as volunteers. We are hoping to get volunteers by offering this as community service hours. The group feels this shouldn't be an issue as students are always looking for service hours. Dewey also mentions that there will be a pet corner at the festival. He is hoping to get support from some local pet business and have activities such as taking a picture with your pet.

This event is all about getting the town together versus making money.

Rob and Dewey will review the logistics of the event and will be there in case there are any issues such as power outages etc.

Advertising for this day will need to go out soon. There will be an email blast and an ad in the paper. There is will also be a twitter page for the event. There is talk about creating an image/logo. Anthony wants the advertisements to look professional.

Council Comments

DeRosa talks about his research on fireworks. He met with two different companies and they can be set off at the high school. The cost is roughly 6500. Looking to possible do this next year for the anniversary of the town. It is mentioned that other towns participate in fireworks and would be interested in joining together and sharing the cost.

Anthony says he reminded the council that all decisions regarding parks and recreation need to include the rec commission.

Next up was the conversation regarding Demarest Farms. The board of Ed need to make a decision to let Smith school be used for farm parking on weekends or not. They would like the various sports associations to sign off on a document stating that they will not need this field. In

order to help baseball, there have been arrangements to fix the Corra field drainage issues. There was a lot of back and forth and discussions between the various sports associations as to if they will sign this document for the board of Ed. Some members want their fields fixed as well while others do not like that way the contract is written. All feel that they most likely will not have access to the field. The BOE is supposed to meet on July 24th. There is the question as to who even has jurisdiction over Smith, school board or recreation?

Ann motions to close the meeting and seconded by Deb

Meeting adjourned, 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, August 3rd, 2017, 7:00pm