

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF 7/15/24**

Councilman: Clemente Osso

Rec Director: Dan Conte

Attendance: John, Ed, Greg, Rhonda, Ann

Council Member – John Ruocco

- Dan called meeting to order at 6:31

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes

- Approved by Dewey and seconded by Ed

Dan's recreation report

- Field updates -Applied for a DP permit, waiting to hear back.
- Dewey had concerns about the field committees still making decisions without bringing it to the commission.
- Clemente does not want to rehash the past, at this point looking for a baseline to fix fields and will revisit the extras
- Dan will ask for recommendations regarding recreation budget at the next meeting
- Dan looking into the open space grant and Jakes Law grant, which will cover 75% of fees for updating the park to be ADA compliant
- Ed inquires about the field across from Meadowbrook, field is very wet.
- Ralph Park had a new swing set put in, waiting on mulch
- There are capital funds for the park on Maple. A retaining wall is no longer needed, the fence will be moved. A new playground will be put in as well.
- Rhonda has requested that all parks are geo-tagged on google maps
- There is a week left and a half left of summer camp. Looking to increase number of campers for next year. A lot depends on the school referendum vote. Ideas in the works.
- Dan will look into the agreement made 25 years ago with Rivervale regarding the camps

- There have been discussions about merging the Hillsdale and Rivervale football teams. Rivervale has good numbers so not looking to do this at the moment
- Concert series – going well, first had about 115 people and second had about 200. Discussion of bringing concerts back to veterans park for the businesses.
- Rhonda suggests a concert in the commuter parking lot where the Hillsdale carnival is held.
- Dan is creating an adult night in beechwood park. There is will a beer garden with Davys as the sponsor. Scheduled for 10/8.
- Movie night is scheduled for 8/28. Will have popcorn and cotton candy.
- 8/2 is a softball derby for men and woman. 10 dollars a person for 10 pitches. Winner will get a giftcard.
- Dan suggests an admin fee, an amount or percentage taken from the cost of a sport and goes into a general account
- There us a 3 year plan to discuss raising fees across the board.
- Rhonda would like to have a recreation booth at the fall festival selling merchandise.
- Fall festival scheduled for 9/29 with a rain date of 10/6

Rhonda made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:29pm, seconded by John