

**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
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**HILLSDALE RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF September 7th, 2017**

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

Rec Director:

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa

Guests in attendance:

Baseball: Abby Lundy

Soccer: Scott P

Lacrosse: Mike

Arsenal Soccer – Victor R

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and John C seconded this motion

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: July Accepted by Dewey and vote to accept was unanimous

Chairman Statement

Dewey says he has 4 meetings left on his term and talks about all that has been accomplished this year and what we have left to accomplish

Permit Approval

No permits given to Dewey at this time to sign off.

Rec Director Topics for Presentation/Discussion:

Patty was on vacation for this meeting

Dewey's Review/ Rec Bingo

The recreation committee is looking for a student to replace David D who went off to college. Anthony sent an email to some students and the goal is to have someone at the next rec meeting.

Tribe Volunteers – John Noone is working on this project. He says he needs to know exactly what the goal of this program should be and some volunteer ideas. In order to set up a structure for this program as well as get some ideas John N will contact Marie Hanlon. John Corring likes the idea of the students help seniors shovel snow. Ann suggests computer tutorials and Rob suggests car service. There is a question regarding insurance for car service but most people don't think this is an issue.

Certifications – Fall baseball is underway and everyone is certified. By next season this process will be even more streamlined as soccer and football are working through some issues. Patty has scheduled the Rutgers clinic to come in February and August. Patty called a mobile finger printing company to have them come in, waiting to see cost on this. We are looking to see if Community Pass can hold all of the certifications electronically versus Patty manually handling all documents. This should be an upgrade in 4th quarter per Anthony. Per Dewey he is enforcing being certified. There should be a compliance officer for each team that will be a liaison to Patty regarding this.

Fireworks – Anthony looked into fireworks and seeing if we can get a sponsor. It would cost roughly 6500 for a decent display. He was told the best place to set off the fireworks would PVHS. The school approved using them. Park Ridge is interested in co-sponsoring the firework display. Anthony will reach out to them.

Smith School – A few months ago there was an issue where a group of kids were playing soccer on the field without a permit. How do we address this issue? Are permits only needed for organized groups? Is the number of players a factor? Deb needed a permit for a family softball game, should everyone using the field get a permit? What is the rec jurisdiction versus the BOE? A defined agreement is needed. Committee also wants to know what is sprayed for on the fields, bugs or weeds? The rec committee wants to prevent over usage of fields. This is tabled as we find that the instances of this is low and we need more information

The Soccer Association wanted to use Smith school but cannot at this time due to the ongoing issues with Demarest Farms. At this time no one can use Smith school and there are plans for zoned parking for the farm with hopefully a better solution within the next three years. Soccer is using Stonybrook now and they are frustrated but understand the situation. They signed an agreement saying they can use fields and now they aren't able to.

Price is Right – Victor from arsenal soccer is in attendance and wanted to get permits for his group to play. There is a discussion on how much to charge for field usage. At the moment it is 50 a game, 75 with lights. DeJoseph wants to charge more, like 5000 for the season. This is what other town's charge however we bring up the point that other fields offer more, such as turf. Arsenal paid off their debts and can now use the fields. Everyone believes more should be charged however it is too late in the season to change pricing. Dewey will sign the permits upon Patty's return and the cost of field usage will be revisited at a later time. Mike from lacrosse has permits for Dewey to sign as well. They are scheduling extra practices for their team member.

Fall Festival – Deb says everything is all set for this event. There are food truck, beer trucks, about 25 vendors and 23 sponsors. Debbie wanted teachers to do dunk tank however they declined stating they are doing their own fund raising dunk tank at a later time. Council members will go in tank as well as police. The police will also close of streets for parking. Set up will start on Friday and will continue Saturday morning around 9. There will be a meeting on Monday morning to go over final logistics.

Anthony DeRosa says that John Ruocco was sworn in as interim mayor. He is looking for more people to run for council in the upcoming election. The work on the corra field is complete and the new floors are down. It looks good and the rain did not affect the field the way it used to. The contracts will come back to make sure everything is good one last time. It should be open soon.

DeRosa thanks the rec committee and all their hard work and is very happy with how much they have done this year. He would like to create a Facebook page for the town.

Ann motions to close the meeting and seconded by John

Meeting adjourned, 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, October 5th, 2017, 7:00pm