

Ardsley Parks & Recreation

April 18, 2023

The April 18th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Andy DiJusto, Christina Hansbury and Lorraine Kuhn. Minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Easter Egg Hunt:

Our 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge hit! Thank you to Officer Tony Vacca and Ardsley Police Dept, Trustee Andy DiJusto and Alan Salma for helping out. It was suggested that the event may be run at Pascone Park using car & Firetruck lights. It was also suggested that we split the participants up into 8 groups and ask that everyone bring an egg carton, or buy inexpensive egg cartons for gathering the eggs.

Grit Ninja Spring Break:

This program ran really well and we had 16 children registered. A Port-a-Potty was installed at Pascone Park for use with this program.

School Conference Day Program:

This new idea for a day of activities on a day off from school had 18 students and was very successful.

Developmental Basketball:

This is a new outdoor Basketball program at Pascone Park. There are 20 kids registered and they love it. There are skills & games sessions.

Pee Wee Soccer:

This popular program has 19 children participating. The first session was April 16th.

Mens Softball:

Mens Softball started on Monday. We have 5 teams in the League. This a wooden bat & clincher league.

After School Chess:

Chess classes started April 13th and we have 18 students registered. It is going great as always.

Seniors:

Our Seniors continue have a busy month. They have Flower Making, Bingo, Movie Matinee and a Painting Class. It was suggested that residents at the Atria may want to get involved with our Senior Group. It was mentioned that the Atria invite our Seniors to their events too. Also, the Seniors may want to go to the Food Truck event.

Youth Advocate:

Our Youth Advocate continues to run strong Homework Helper and Friday Open Rec programs. They are very well attended with at least a dozen students participating every week.

Facilities Report:

The Community Center continues to be well rented. To date, revenue taken in is over \$20,000.

Parks Report:

Park & Field rental revenue is over \$16,000 to date. Cricket rentals contribute to this, and they have been cooperative about not using the field in rain conditions. Greener World did a great job fixing up Pascone Park Softball Field. They used 1 ½ tons field conditioner over the skinned surface. They installed all new bases at the appropriate distances and marked the base anchors for easier use.

Upcoming Programs:

Adult Zumba:

Adult Zumba will be having a spring session. They are already 19 people signed up.

Spring Grit Ninja:

Spring Grit Ninja starts this Friday. We have 18 registered for this popular outdoor activity.

Summer Outdoor Basketball:

Sign up has begun for the Summer Outdoor Basketball program at Gould Park in Dobbs Ferry. There is interest in running a program for 7th and 8th graders, and Trish is planning a Developmental Basketball program for them, too.

5K Race:

Our 2nd Annual 5K Race is set for Sunday May 7th. There are 51 people registered. Girl Scouts may be bringing in 40 more sign ups. Bags for snacks (granola & banana) and water have been ordered and will be Race Day giveaways. Information continues to go out as email "blasts" and emails have been sent to Hastings & Dobbs Ferry Rec Departments. It is also being advertised in The Enterprise.

New Business:

Special Needs Program:

Trish contacted Backyard Sports Cares about setting up an event for Special Needs children in our area. We will hold the event at Pascone Park. There will be certified staff on hand along with parents & family members. We will ask Student Athletes who are in their off-season schedule to help out as partners for the children. This initial event will gauge interest and give us an idea of what is needed for future events.

7th & 8th Grade Outdoor Basketball:

There is interest in running a program for 7th and 8th graders, and Trish is planning a Developmental Basketball program for them. It will be held at Pascone Park.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 9 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Kuhn