

## **Ardsley Parks & Recreation September 22, 2020**

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Steve Edelstein, Abe Falek, Gina Goldstein, Lorraine Kuhn, and Maya Sheehan.

Minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Men's Softball:**

Trish is pleased to report that we were able to run a 6 week Softball season this summer, and that we were the only Rec Dept in the area to do so. It ran well without incident and there were no rainouts.

#### **Ninja Grit Summer Program:**

Trish ran this new Ninja Grit one-week program at Pascone Park this summer. There were 58 children participating and they had a terrific time. Parents appreciated having this activity for their kids.

#### **Seniors:**

The Seniors had their first BBQ at Pascone Park on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and they were so happy to see each other again. They had a food truck and Trish had tables & chairs brought to the Park for them. Everything ran smoothly.

#### **Tennis & Basketball Courts Renovation:**

Trish is happy to report that renovation of the Tennis & Basketball Courts is complete and residents are very pleased with the results. Gina asked about restoring the lights and said that perhaps they could be on a timer. Trish was not sure about the Tennis lights, and said it might be good to have lights for the Softball Field. Steve said that lighting might be included in the Pascone Park Master Plan. He said that Westchester County had sent a plan a while ago. He will bring a copy to the Rec meeting next time.

#### **Softball Field Renovation:**

Pascone Park Softball Field is currently being renovated. Greener World from Cooperstown NY is doing the work. They have done great work in the past on the field and also at McDowell for Little League. Trish says residents will need to stay off the field for 7 to 8 weeks. She is posting signs.

#### **Community Center Upgrades:**

Trish says the Community Center work should be finished by the end of the week, just some plumbing work is remaining. Steve asked about the HVAC and Trish said that will be installed next year. Programming at the Community Center has not resumed yet.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

#### **Movie-in-the-Park:**

There will be a Movie-in-the-Park this Saturday Sept 26 at 7 PM, co-sponsored by Parks & Rec and Ardsley Police Dept. "Zootopia" is the feature film. Attendance is limited to 50 people and pre-registration is required. People may sign up to attend by sending an email to Trish [placy@ardsleyvillage.com](mailto:placy@ardsleyvillage.com). Covid guidelines will be adhered to. Trish would like to run 2 movies a month until the weather is too cold.

#### **Ninja Grit Fall Program:**

Trish is continuing the Ninja Grit program at Pascone Park for 8 weeks this fall. 64 children are registered. She would like to offer some one-day Ninja Grit Special Events in early winter and is working on this with the program instructor.

#### **Tennis Permits & Lessons:**

Trish says that she has issued 40 tennis permits. Tennis Pro Ayo Obi, who is under contract with the Village, is offering private lessons and sign up is through the Village. Abe asked about the permit cost and Trish said it is temporarily half price for this season. Gina asked about use of the courts and Trish said scheduling is under the honor system right now. She would prefer to have swipe cards rather than the key system.

#### **Halloween Trunk or Treat:**

Trish is planning to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat event. She asked Rec Comm members if we should have it on Sat Oct 24 or Sat Oct 31. Steve said there may not be that much happening on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Gina said the 24<sup>th</sup> was good so kids could have two weekends of fun activities. After some discussion, it was decided to schedule the event for Sat Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 2 PM. Trish will get permission to line up cars in the AMS parking lot, and we will have music. Abe mentioned that AMS ran a Halloween event inside the school last year but probably wouldn't do that this year. Gina said that Oriental Trading Company has nice setups for decorating your trunk. Trish said that she gets some extra setups to give out. As soon as the event flyer is ready, Lorraine will text it to Maya for posting on Ardsley Moms & Dads.

#### **Laser Tag:**

Trish would like to run some Laser Tag events at McDowell Park this winter. The activity scheduled for Sat Sept 26 did not get enough signups, but the vendor thinks that a more attractive flyer is needed. Trish will check with VM Robson about using a different flyer design.

#### **New Rec Dept Software:**

The Village purchased the "myrec" software for the Rec Dept. Residents will register online and be able to pay for programs and rentals using a credit card. The "myrec" site will be available to the public shortly.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Winter Softball:**

Trish would like to organize Winter Softball. Orange-colored softballs could be used to facilitate play.

#### **Turkey Trot:**

Gina suggested that we have a 5K Turkey Trot race with limited signup. Abe said maybe have it just before Thanksgiving, Gina said maybe the day after. Gina said she has enjoyed the Jingle Jog race in Central Park. Abe said that Dobbs Ferry used to run a 5K but no longer, Trish said that Hastings still runs one. She also mentioned that SAYF runs a 5K. Steve said that children could run a shorter race course inside Pascone Park. Gina asked if we needed to get permits and Trish said that we didn't, that Ardsley Police helps out with traffic control. Trish said she could get some medals. Trish and Lorraine will find the route maps that were previously used for the 5K race.

#### **Christmas Tree Lighting:**

Rec Comm members discussed how to adapt our popular Christmas Tree Lighting event this year. People could still gather at American Legion Park for the lighting, appropriately distanced. Steve suggested blocking off Center Street and having the refreshments outside. Trish thought that we could still have music, but was not sure about giving out gifts this year. Trish will plan for the first Saturday in December. Steve suggested that we have an inclement weather makeup date too.

**Capital Plan:**

Steve said that the Village Manager may be shifting Capital Plan items around due to budget considerations. He asked Trish about the projector, screen and PA system and Trish said that they had been purchased.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Lorraine Kuhn