

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
November 16, 2021

The November 16th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Steve Edelstein, Abe Falek, Gina Goldstein, and Lorraine Kuhn.

Minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.
They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Trunk or Treat:

Our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat was a great success and Trish thanks Ardsley Highway, Police and Fire Departments, ASVAC and everyone who volunteered to decorate their trunks and give out candy. There were 24 cars at the event. Gina asked if we could have a parade. Trish said that next year she will have children march down to Pascone Park from the AMS parking lot. She plans to have music, face painting and other activities.

Diwali Celebration:

Our 1st Annual Diwali Celebration at Pascone Park was a huge success. Trish thanks everyone who participated and made this event possible. Steve said that the same food truck that was at Ardsley's 125th Anniversary event was present, and there was steady business the entire time.

Fall Programs:

Trish says that all programs are coming to an end. Guitar lessons will be offered for an additional session if enrollment is sufficient.

Upcoming Programs:

Adult Open Gym:

Trish says Open Gym is set to take place on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the AHS small gym starting December 2nd. There will only be one basket available and the school may have some equipment stored in the gym. Matt & Mike will be the attendants. Steve asked how many participate and Trish said about 25 people. Gina asked what they could play and Trish said usually Basketball. Steve wondered if the equipment could be moved into the hall. Gina asked about using the gym other nights and Trish said she would like to use the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Trish is still working out some details of this program.

Youth Basketball:

Trish reports that Ardsley has 92 students in this popular program, with 16 teams. Greenburgh has 5 teams and Dobbs Ferry has 2 teams. Registration deadline is November 15th. Trish is waiting to hear from some coaches so she can complete her teams. Coaches can share a team, practices are only one hour a week and games are on Saturdays. Steve asked if she could send out an email, and Trish will send another "blast" to get coaches.

Youth Basketball Draft & Coaches Meeting:

The Youth Basketball Draft & Coaches meeting will be held on Thursday Nov 18th at 7 PM at the Community Center. More volunteer coaches are needed. Trish said there are background checks and online training at www.nays.org, which costs \$20. Abe suggested getting some AHS students to coach and giving them Community Service credit. He said they already coach CYO teams. Trish added that the Key Club gets Community Service credit when they help out with Rec programs. Steve thought that we should try to contact recent AHS graduates who were on the Basketball team, perhaps through the AHS Basketball Coach. Gina said we could post a request for coaches on Ardsley Moms & Dads.

Seniors:

Seniors will be having Arts 'n Crafts tomorrow. They have flower making and will have a movie at the end of the month. Their Annual Holiday Dinner at the Firehouse is coming up. Steve said that Mark Florkowski may be doing the cooking.

Annual Tree Lighting:

Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Saturday Dec 4th. This year we will meet at the tree in American Legion Park at 6 PM, and then march up to the Firehouse where we will assemble outside the garage. AHS Select Chorus will perform outside. We will have a DJ and light show. There will be hot chocolate, coffee and pre-packaged cookies and chips. Trish is looking for a new Santa, as Mr. Watson has retired.

New Business:**5K Race:**

Trish has contacted Westchester Road Runner and they will be able to run a nice event for the Village. Rec needs to supply pinnies and station some Ardsley Police along the race route. Trish would like to have the Police and Rec Departments and Ardsley SAYF as sponsors. Gina said April would be best, and we should plan a Kids Race, too. Steve said the race could start in the AMS parking lot. Trish said Road Runner may donate to the event. Steve noted that Easter is on April 17th and Trish may plan the Egg Hunt for April 16th. Gina suggested April 23rd or 24th, in the morning, for the Race. Steve said that April 22nd is Earth Day. Ardsley Cares will be doing some planting. Lorraine said you could incorporate the Earth Day theme. Trish reminded us that Dave didn't like the old race route, so she will have Road Runner help make a new route. Gina suggested having a food truck. Lorraine said it would be good to have a tent. Gina recommended starting promotion of the event in February. Abe said that runners don't need a raindate, although Steve added that weather can be cold even in May. Trish said we will give out tee shirts and Gina asked about the design. Trish said that Rec already has pinnies with numbers on them. Abe asked if we could have chip timing, runners would start & finish on a mat. Lorraine said that Road Runner used to enter runners who were members of their club.

New Years Celebrations:

Steve said that the Asian Year of the Tiger was coming up in February. Trish might also like to have a New Year's Celebration next year on Center Street.

New Rec Comm Liaison:

Steve announced that he is moving to a new assignment, liaison to the Garden Club. Craig Weitz will be the new liaison to the Recreation Commission.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 14 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn