

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
February 8, 2022

The February 8th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Craig Weitz, Abe Falek, Gina Goldstein, and Lorraine Kuhn.

Minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting were approved.
They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Community Center:

Due to Covid restrictions, we are still waiting to resume indoor programming at the Community Center.

Snow Angels:

Our Snow Angels were able to shovel out everyone who called in asking for assistance, including a wheelchair-bound resident. There are now 8 volunteers. Rec Dept thanks all of the Snow Angels!

Seniors:

Seniors are eager to return to the Community Center. When other Rivertowns programs resume, we may be able to start again.

“Are You Okay?”:

Rec Dept has received a few “Are You Okay?” forms and we are hoping to get some more. A program notice will be posted online.

Pascone Softball Field:

Both juveniles, who were not related to each other, who damaged the Softball Field will donate their time this spring as Community Service by raking and filling in the holes in the ground. Greener World will bill them for all materials needed to fix the field.

Upcoming Programs:

Digital Sign:

A Digital Sign will be installed outside the Community Center to replace the old bulletin board. Signs Ink will be supplying the sign.

New Bleachers:

New bleachers will be installed – two at Pascone Softball Field, one at McDowell Field 31, one at McDowell Field #2 and two at McDowell Field #3. They will be 4ft size and design complies with safety regulations. They will be purchased from BSN Sports, on NY State contract. Purchases on NY State contract do not require additional quotes. It was suggested that leftover budget money may be spent on other items as well. For example, the fireworks display at our 125th Anniversary celebration was very popular and funds might be used for a new tradition of annual fireworks. It was mentioned that repair expenses should be kept separate from other budget lines.

5K Race:

The race map has been submitted to Gail Sherry from Super Race Systems, Garrison NY. The race will have an 11 AM start on Sunday May 1st. The route will be the SAYF Coalition course, start and finish at Pascone Park with a half-way table serving water. Rec Comm members would like to receive a copy of the route. “Resident Threads”, Jennie Perillo, may be contacted to supply tee shirts. There was discussion regarding gift cards or medals. It was suggested that all who cross the finish line should get a medal, and the medal should have 5K Race name, date and “Finisher” printed on it. It was noted that perhaps only the year should be on the medal in case the date has to be changed. “In honor of” might be added to the back of the medal. Tee shirt style was discussed, whether long sleeves, short sleeves or tank tops, and color for the shirts. Heather grey, maroon, orange or cyan were suggested. Cotton tee

shirts were preferred. Dri-fit may be too expensive. Choice of logo was discussed, and the Ardsley "A" logo may be used. Tee shirts will be ordered in a variety of sizes. The vendor who runs the 5K Race will have links on myrec for sign up, and the \$20 fee will go to the Village of Ardsley. The vendor will help post Race results. Race start time was discussed. If we have food trucks, an earlier start time may be needed. However, an early start time may not be convenient for families with young children. Race scheduling will need to be coordinated with Ardsley Police Dept. We may have Alan/DJ at the race finish. It was suggested that there be 3 food trucks, including hot dogs, wraps & pizza, perhaps DeCiccis for beer. It was noted that it takes a while for the food license, except for those trucks already registered with the Village. Permits are good for one year, so trucks from the 125th in October 2021 will be able to participate. Fun Run for children was discussed. Previously, young children ran a 1K within Pascone Park grounds. A Fun Run could follow the Adult 5K. There was a question about marking out the course, and the vendor will help with this. AHS Softball team will be on hand to monitor the course. It was suggested that there be a band at mile 1.5, and next time maybe have a 10K. Registration capping was discussed, but it may not be needed. It was tentatively agreed that there be no "same day" registration in order to simplify the sign in. Deadline for registration will be well publicized online, including Village Facebook. It was tentatively decided that registrations will be accepted until the Wednesday before the Race. It was discussed whether there should be an age limit of 12 & up. Waivers for participation will be included with the registration form. It was noted that the 5K should be for runners only, not walking. Hastings has 20 volunteers for their race event. We are hoping to have AHS Key Club and AHS Track Team help out. We will have tables for picking up Race items and four tents will be purchased for use at this event and other outdoor Rec events. Rob Wooten creates Balloon Arches and we may get one for the start/finish line

New Business:

Grit Ninja One-Week Spring Vacation Program:

Grit Ninja will have a one-week session during Spring Break from April 11th to 15th. Registration is open now for K to 6 graders. Sessions will run from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 8 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn