

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
April 12, 2022

The April 12th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Craig Weitz, Christina Hansbury, Lorraine Kuhn, Alka Shula, and Mona Swanson.

Minutes from the March 8, 2022 meeting were approved.
They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Grit Ninja Programs:

Grit Ninja Spring Break Camp started on Monday and there are 36 children participating. The 8 week program started on April 8th and 36 children are enrolled. Notifications regarding the programs sent through myrec were affected by a system-wide myrec “glitch”, but myrec has since remedied the problem.

After school Chess

This popular program started on April 5th and there are 24 students registered. Mr. Khan ran the Annual Chess Class Egg Hunt at Pascone Park last Saturday.

Seniors:

Seniors are back at the Community Center and loving it! Tomorrow they will have a flower arranging session at the Atria. Next Wednesday they will have lunch at Golden Wok. The last Wednesday of the month is Musical Bingo.

Youth Advocate:

Homework Helpers is ongoing. There were 12 students last Wednesday. After school Drop in Rec on Fridays is well attended during colder weather. A local resident is donating a pool table for use on Fridays. It will be stored in the Conference Room at the Community Center. The program may move outdoors in the nice weather. Our Youth Advocate is planning to plant annual flowers in the Community Center flower beds in May.

Pascone Park Maintenance:

Greener World did a great job fixing up Pascone Park Softball Field, using 1 ½ tons field conditioner over a skinned surface and installing all new bases at the appropriate distances. \$975 will be paid by the individuals who damaged the field. Two sets of bleachers were delivered last week, but we are waiting for the hardware from BSN Sports so Highway can complete the assemblies. It has been too cold to turn on the water, pipes burst at McDowell Park. To accommodate programs in the meantime, a Port-o-Potty has been temporarily placed at the Pascone Park bathroom site.

Mens Softball:

Mens Softball started on Monday. There are 6 teams in the league.

Upcoming Programs:

Annual Egg Hunt:

Rec Dept is hosting our 5th Annual Egg Hunt at Pascone Park on Saturday April 16th at 1 PM sharp. Kindergarten to 6 yr olds will be on the small Soccer Field, and 7 yrs old & up will be in the Playground area. Pre-registration is not required. There will be 12 Golden Eggs and Rec Dept will hand out chocolate. This event is co-sponsored by Ardsley PBA.

Pee Wee Soccer:

Registrations are almost full with 12 children signed up. This program will run on Sundays starting on April 24th.

Tennis Lessons:

Tennis lessons are set to begin the week of April 23rd. There are 40 people registered.

Cricket at Pascone Park:

Pascone Park Softball Field will be rented for Cricket on Saturday mornings from 8 to 10 AM. The field is not to be used in poor weather or if the field is wet. There are 8 men's teams using the field. There was a question about insurance and our Rec Supervisor will look into this. A US Premier Cricket League was mentioned, and this will be reviewed with the Village Manager.

5K Race:

There are already 35 people registered for the 5K Race. It will be advertised in The Enterprise and Hastings and Dobbs Ferry Rec Departments have been notified. There will be a 12 ft wide banner at the Start/Finish Line. An additional banner has been ordered for the Village Event Sign at the Route 9A/Ashford Ave intersection. Our Rec Supervisor is meeting with Officer Vacca and the AHS Track Coach on Thursday to discuss having Track Team members assist with the Race and also participate as runners. AHS Softball Team members will also assist. Rec Dept will purchase water from Sam's Club and provide it at Pascone Park. The 5K Race is in memory of Mr. Mulholland and Shannon Mulholland will be in attendance at the event. There will be a DJ to announce at the event. The top two winners will receive \$50 gift cards, the top 12 runners will receive trophies, and everyone will receive a medal. Tee shirt orders must be placed by Thursday. The Race will be held rain or shine, and there will be tents on site. Some Rec Comm members have volunteered to help with sign in on the day of the Race.

New Business:**Recreation Department Communication:**

Highway has purchased and installed a 60 inch TV monitor inside the window of the Community Center. This will have a constant display of programs and events running in the Village. Rec Comm members will now receive meeting agendas and minutes via email prior to meetings.

Tennis Tournament:

Rec Dept is planning our Tennis Tournament for Sept 10th & 11th. An enrollment form used in past Tournaments was submitted by a Rec Comm member to use as a model for the new form.

Revised Tennis Bubble Proposal:

Another revised proposal for installation and management of a Tennis Bubble has been received. Preservation of the Tennis Courts by limiting exposure to harsh weather was noted in the proposal. There were comments regarding the 15 to 20 year length of the lease. It was not clear whether the Village would consider entering into a Public/Private Partnership. Some Rec Comm members noted that they would like to use the Courts until November, weather permitting, and 10 AM to 3 PM hours were not convenient. There was a question as to whether the vendor would be providing maintenance for the Tennis Courts. It was noted that Gerry Byrne, Town of Greenburgh, was asked about the Greenburgh Tennis Bubble and said there were no issues. It was mentioned that many Ardsley children use and take lessons at the Greenburgh facility. The vendor would like to know if the Village wants to proceed with the proposal by Friday. Rec Comm members who were not in attendance today will be polled by email regarding the revised proposal.

(Revised proposal attached as last page.)

Master Parks Plan:

An RFP for a Master Parks Plan was sent out and proposals were received March 1, 2022. The Village Board is in the process of evaluating the proposals. Discussion about the Parks Plan included the need for lighting from September to November. Some alternate uses for parts of McDowell Park are being considered, such as additional playground space. Village Manager and Trustee visited Concord Road 2nd grade students to ask them about recreation spaces, and the students suggested more playgrounds and a splash pad. Pascone Park now has some Pickle Ball players and some space may be considered for that sport.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 10 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn

Patricia Lacy

From: mtcanno@optonline.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Patricia Lacy
Subject: Fwd: Louis Pascone Park Tennis Court Proposal

Dear Trish,

Please pass this along to there new Village Manager. Let me know if it is possible to meet with him in April. I have added to the benefits of the bubble below.

Thank you very much.

Mark Canno

Proposal for Louis Pascone Park Tennis Courts (4 Courts In Total) Ardsley, NY

1. We would pay \$40,000 in rent a year with 3% yearly increases.
2. 15 or 20 year lease.
3. The bubble would be up from October 1st- May 1st.
4. All Ardsley permit holders would get free court time Monday-Friday from 10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. on the designated Ardsley court.
5. All Ardsley permit holders would get half price on the designated court Monday- Friday from 7:00-10:00 A.M.
6. All Ardsley permit holders would get half price on the designated court on Saturday and Sunday from 6:00-10:00 P.M.
7. All Ardsley permit holders would get 20% off at all other times on the designated court.
8. All Ardsley permit holders would get half price on the designated court from 9:00-11:00 P.M. Monday- Friday.

9.All Ardsley residents that are not permit holders, would get a 10% discount at all times.

10.We will offer Mens and Women's Leagues and Cardio Tennis for all Ardsley residents with a 10% discount.

11.Free court time on the designated court for JV and Varsity players from the Ardsley H.S. Team during the season at a time convenient for the team.

12.The Management team is providing a brand new bubble, site work, footings, etc. at a projected cost of \$650,000 at no cost to the Town of Ardsley or it's residents.

13.The Management team will pay for all costs to put up the bubble, take down the bubble, maintenance and storing the bubble on site.

14.The Management team will cover all expenses when the bubble is up from October- May.

The benefits of having an indoor bubble include: 1. Lengthen the life of the courts subatantially. 2. Protect the courts from the elements. 3.Provide year around tennis for Ardsley residents. 4. Provide extra court time for the Ardsley High School Tennis Teams 5. Health benefits of year around tennis and cardio and fitness groups. 6. Introducing a lot of new players to the game thru our adult and junior tennis clinics. 7. Providing a fun and healthy activity for people 5-90 (or older) years old.

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