

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
March 8, 2022

The March 8th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Craig Weitz, Lorraine Kuhn, Alka Shula, Mona Swanson, and Dave Whitehead.

Rec Comm welcomes new member Christina Hansbury!

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

Old Business:

Community Center:

Community Center has opened up and there are lots of rentals. Spring programs are starting soon. Three 10ft X 10ft pop-up tents and a Bluetooth cordless microphone are being ordered and will be stored at the Community Center. Three quotes for the digital sign will be submitted to Executive Assistant Hessler. This sign will replace the outdoor bulletin board at the Community Center.

Enrichment Program:

Enrichment Classes will begin on March 19th at the Community Center. There are several students signed up already. This is a yoga and wellness program for youngsters.

Defensive Driving:

A new session of Defensive Driving will be held March 30th & 31st from 6 to 9 PM each day at the Community Center. Eight people have signed up. Participants must attend both classes.

After School Chess:

This very popular program is returning to the Community Center with Beginner and Advanced/Future Masters classes starting the week of April 4th. Fifteen students have already signed up.

Grit Ninja Programs:

Rec Dept is running a one-week Grit Ninja camp during Spring Break, and eight children have signed up. It will run from April 11 to 15 at Pascone Park from 10 AM to 12 PM. There is also a six-week program on Fridays starting on April 8th, with some signup already.

Seniors:

Seniors have happily returned to the Community Center. They will be seeing a movie tomorrow. Next week, they will attend an Older and Wiser Safe Driving presentation. They are back to playing musical Bingo. Two Seniors are celebrating their 100th Birthdays!

“Are You Okay?”:

Rec Dept contacts Seniors by phone to check on them. Some Rec Comm members have volunteered to help check on Seniors if needed.

Youth Advocate:

Our Youth Advocate is back in person at the Community Center. Homework Helpers is running great with 15 students attending on Wednesdays. Friday Drop in Rec is starting up again too. When the weather gets warmer, Drop in Rec may move outdoors to the park.

Pascone Softball Field:

Greener World inspected the field and said that there was minimal damage to the outfield. They will inspect the infield at the end of March, and make a determination of how much damage there is and bill both parties involved accordingly.

Upcoming Programs:

Climate Advisory Committee (CAC):

CAC will be hosting a Ardsley Pollinator Pathway kick-off community event Sunday March 20th at the Community Center from 10:30 AM to 12 PM. Some Rec Comm members have had visits from Pollinator Pathway advisors regarding their backyard gardens.

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. All children must bring their own Easter Basket. Two giant “Bunnies” will be on hand to help out at the event.

5K Race:

The direct link for registration for the 5K Race will be posted on myrec shortly. The Race will be run in honor of the late beloved Dan Mulholland, former AHS teacher and coach. Some of his family members will be involved in planning. The race course will be from Pascone Park to AHS and back. It will be held Sunday May 1st, starting with check in at 9AM. Rec Dept will supply water & protein bars. There may be a table at the halfway point at AHS. There will be 18 categories of runners, with medals for the winners of each category, and a medal for the best woman and man runners. Volunteers are needed along the race course and several Rec Comm members will be on hand to assist.

New Business:

“Welcome to Ardsley” Event:

A big “Welcome to Ardsley” event is planned for Saturday Sept 17th at Pascone Park. So far, we will be having 4 food trucks, the bubble bus, face painting and music. Rec Comm members agreed that the bubble bus was terrific at the Ardsley 125th celebration. More activities will be planned as budget allows.

Tennis Tournament:

Rec Dept is planning to reprise our Tennis Tournament, scheduled for Sept 10th & 11th. Ayo Obi, Village of Ardsley Tennis Pro, and Ron Schwartz, former Ardsley resident and tournament organizer, will be involved in planning, as will Rec Comm members. About 40 participants are expected. Everyone will play 4 games. Tournament will be Round Robin format.

Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce:

Rec Dept Supervisor will participate in a Zoom meeting with the Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce on Friday. This Chamber has a website <https://rivertownschamber.com/> and member municipalities include Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings and Irvington.

Ardsley Connect:

It was noted that Executive Assistant Hessler is doing an excellent job with Ardsley Connect. It is sent every Monday to the Village of Ardsley Constant Contact listserv, and includes a Rec Dept section every week. All Village departments contribute notices. This consolidated publication eliminates the previous email clutter which had been caused by too many separate Constant Contact notices.

Revised Tennis Bubble Proposal:

A revised proposal for installation and management of a Tennis Bubble has been received. Our new Village Manager Joe Cerretani has not yet reviewed the Tennis Bubble proposal. Rec Dept had about 44 Tennis Permits last season, about \$6000 income. Exterior lighting proposed for the Bubble may benefit the Basketball and Softball fields as well. It was suggested that rental process be similar to McDowell field rental. It was noted that the Greenburgh Tennis Bubble rentals are full, and many Ardsley residents and their children use the Greenburgh Bubble. There was a comment that the Greenburgh program is good and there is a long waiting list. It was noted that one of the Tennis Bubble personnel is

the AHS Tennis Coach. It was suggested that Rec Dept conduct a usage survey of Ardsley Tennis Courts, and some data for this is available through analysis of our rental calendar. The lease term for the Bubble would be about 15 to 20 years. Ayo Obi is now under contract with the Village and would be involved in terms of Bubble usage. It was suggested that discussion about the Tennis Bubble should be included in this year's budget process. The Bubble would not be up in the summer, the Village would control the Tennis Courts for 5 months from May to September. This stipulation should be included as a written clause in the proposal. It is possible that another Tennis Bubble may be installed at Veteran's Park. Ardsley Swim and Tennis courts were significantly damaged by Hurricane Ida, as were private courts in Hastings.

(Revised proposal attached as last page.)

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 12 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn

REVISED TENNIS PROPOSAL:

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. 2. Protect the courts from the elements. 3. Provide year around tennis for Ardsley residents. 4. Health benefits of year around tennis and cardio and fitness groups.

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