

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
May 17, 2022

The May 17th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Abe Falek, Gina Goldstein, Christina Hansbury, Lorraine Kuhn, Alka Shula, and Mona Swanson.

Minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting were approved.
They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Men's Softball:

Men's Softball is in its sixth week of play and everything is running smoothly. Four rainouts are being made up.

5th Annual Egg Hunt:

The 5th Annual Egg Hunt was a big success with over 200 children attending and having a great time. Many thanks to Shoprite who donated \$198 worth of candy.

Holi Celebration:

The Indian American Cultural Association ran a successful Holi Celebration at Pascone Park that was attended by over 100 people, despite the cool and rainy weather. It was noted that the Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee has also run this event in the past. Ethnic Sharing Community Conversation may help foster future events. It was suggested that other events could include Kite Flying and other international celebrations. Upcoming Diwali celebration will have tents and food. It was said that delicious ethnic foods served at the events are always appreciated.

5K Race:

The new Annual 5K Race was a terrific event with a total of 145 runners and walkers participating. The Race was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Dan "Mully" Mulholland, former AHS teacher, and we thank the Mulholland family for supporting us and being truly touched by the event. Thank you to all the volunteers, Ardsley Police Dept, Ardsley DPW, ASVAC, and Ardsley High School Track Coach Henry Leone and twelve Track Team members. Thanks to Vinny Coulehan for over 500 drone photos including the start and finish of the race. Thank you to DeCiccios for donating 200 bananas for the participants. Trophies were awarded to the top woman and man finishers, and top woman and man finishers in each of 5 divisions for a total of 12 trophies. Last finisher came in at 1 hour 15 minutes. It was suggested that we include a 60-year-old plus division next year. It was also suggested that maybe kids could turn around at the half-way point and run half the course next year. Next year, we plan to have water available at the High School point. It was mentioned that we might choose a date when roads are already closed, such as for a Holiday or Little League parade, to simplify traffic management.

Seniors:

Seniors have a movie and musical Bingo with Alan the DJ this month. They will be having a Memorial Day Breakfast on May 25th at the Community Center.

Youth Advocate:

Homework Helpers is going well with a dozen students attending regularly. Our Youth Advocate is ordering more supplies for Friday Drop-in Rec. This Friday, students will be planting marigolds at the Community Center.

Park Maintenance:

Both sets of bleachers have been assembled. One was installed at Pascone Park, and the other at McDowell Park. More bleachers will be ordered on June 1st, so that each Park will have two bleachers installed.

Upcoming Programs:

Outdoor Summer Basketball:

Registration is open for the Outdoor Summer Basketball League for children going into 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades in Fall 2022. Forty children have already signed up and the program is almost full. The program takes place at Gould Park in Dobbs Ferry. Children from Irvington and Sleepy Hollow are also participating in this league.

Memorial Day Parade:

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday May 30th. The Parade will begin at the intersection of Park Ave and Ashford Ave at 11:30 AM, and march down to Pascone Park.

Ardsley Pride Day:

Ardsley Pride Day celebration will take place on Saturday June 4th from 12 to 4 PM at Pascone Park. There will be fun activities for all!

Tennis Tournament:

“Save the Date Tennis Tournament” banner will be displayed at Pascone Park from now until September. It was suggested that the banner be put on the small soccer field fence which faces traffic coming into the Park on McCormick Drive. The 5K Race banner had been at that spot and visibility was very good. Rec Dept Supervisor will decide where to place the banner. There was a question about the Tennis Bubble proposal. This proposal may be reviewed again next year. There was a comment about the Tennis Court wind screens. A better mounting system is needed to keep them from falling down.

Summer Concerts-in-the-Park:

The Summer Concert banners will go up on Monday.

New Business:

Master Parks Plan:

There was a Master Parks Plan presentation at the May 16th Village Board meeting. It covered a preliminary outline for beginning the planning process.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 13 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn