

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
April 13, 2021

The April 13th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Steve Edelstein, Abe Falek, Lorraine Kuhn and Dave Whitehead.

Minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Egg Hunt:

Trish reports that our 4th Annual Egg Hunt was a huge success with 200+ kids attending. She thanks Ardsley Police Department and our Easter Bunnies Patrick Lacy and Georgia Kennedy. Everyone had a great time outdoors and the winners really enjoyed the prizes.

Spring Drawing Contest:

Trish thanks all who participated in our Spring Drawing Contest. We received 12 drawings from all ages of children. We awarded prizes to the winner and 1st runner up. Drawings can be seen at <https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/parks-recreation/slideshows/spring-drawing-contest-2021>

Seniors:

Nick checks on all of our Seniors to see if they are safe and well. Steve suggested that we plan some outdoor activities for Seniors. Trish said we could borrow the APD tent for use in the parks.

Ninja Grit:

The Ninja Grit began an 8 week program at Pascone Park last Friday. There are 60 kids registered. They will also run a 6 week session and a one-week camp this summer.

Upcoming Programs:

Pee Wee Soccer:

Trish reports that registrations are almost full and this favorite program will be starting on April 25. There are 8 participants in each class so far.

Tennis Clinic:

Tennis Lessons are set to start the week of April 25. The most popular classes are the ages 5 to 7, ages 8 to 11 and adult groups.

Men's Softball:

Men's Softball will begin the week of May 3. They will play at Pascone Park on Mondays and Wednesdays, and at Gould Park in Dobbs Ferry on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are 6 teams in the league. Trish says she will need some rain days again this season.

Pascone Park Softball Field:

Trish says that Greener World once again did a great job of fixing up Pascone Park Softball Field. There is a new rental schedule for fields posted on myrec. We will be renting Pascone Softball to Cricket players on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 PM and Saturday mornings from 7 to 11 AM. Trish says that this will generate revenue. All players are asked to abide by certain restrictions on field usage: No use of the field in poor weather and keep off the field when it is wet.

New Business:

Pascone Park Screen Repairs:

Trish reports that the privacy screens on the Tennis Courts continue to come apart from wind damage. Highway Dept has reinstalled them three times, but the plastic ties keep breaking. She says that no other municipalities have privacy screens on their tennis courts. Dave suggested using metal ties instead, maybe even made from hangers. Abe asked what the function of the screens were, and Dave said they are needed for depth perception. Trish will get a quote for metal ties.

The privacy screen on the backstop is also ripped. Trish put in an order for a new one, and it will be fixed next week.

McDowell Park Basketball Courts:

Trish has 2 quotes for the McDowell Basketball Courts and she is waiting for the third. Three companies have looked at the courts. They confirmed that it should be left as 2 half courts, and it was not big enough to convert to a full court. Dave suggested moving the fence on Field 2 to make more room. Steve said that the companies should have a look at the Pascone Park Basketball Courts, too. Dave said there is more room at Pascone Park. Dave looked at the McDowell Courts on Google Earth and said that they were not a rectangle, more like a trapezoid. He suggested that they be squared off relative to the parking lot.

Food Trucks:

Trish wants to prepare a list of Food Trucks so all the paperwork can be complete and they will be available for events like concerts. Steve said that they should update their insurance documents. Lorraine asked about concerts and Trish said she was finalizing the dates. Dave suggested “Bad Art” but it may be difficult to book them now because they are popular. He said we used to get Gil Parris, but he is also not as available now that he is working with Bernie Williams. Trish has been able to get a good lineup of bands and dates will be ready soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 11th at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Kuhn