

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
June 15, 2022

The June 15th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Abe Falek, Lorraine Kuhn and Mona Swanson.

Minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting were approved.
They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Ardsley Pride Day:

Ardsley Pride Day celebration took place on Saturday June 4th at Pascone Park. Thanks to the Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and all who helped out to make this event a success. There were about 150 people attending throughout the event. Highlights included story boards, chalk drawing and Drag Queen Story Hour. One food truck was sufficient to host the event.

Men's Softball:

Men's Softball is in its ninth week of play and there have been no serious issues.

Outdoor Summer Basketball:

Fifty children are signed up for Outdoor Summer Basketball League at Gould Park in Dobbs Ferry. Program will start June 20th. Pinnies were purchased from Perillo.

Seniors:

Our Seniors are having a busy month. They saw a movie and attended a picnic in Greenburgh. They will be having lunch at Bon Amici's. At the end of the month, they will have a BBQ at the Community Center. The Seniors Program goes on throughout the summer, with plenty of ice cream parties all season.

Youth Advocate:

The school year programs are winding down for the summer, and will resume in September. There will be a Pizza Party next Friday.

Park Equipment:

Two more sets of bleachers were ordered and will be delivered to Highway by the week of June 20th. Total cost of the four sets of bleachers is \$13,086.42. One set will go to Pascone Park and the other will go to McDowell Park. Bleachers are able to be moved when necessary by the Highway Dept. The windscreens for the Tennis Courts are still in usable condition. They need slits cut in so the wind can pass through them. It was mentioned that they should be taken down and stored for the winter months. Players appreciate the screens to eliminate distractions during play.

Upcoming Programs:

Juneteenth Celebration:

The Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee will be hosting the second annual Juneteenth Celebration this Saturday June 18th from 5 to 9 PM at Pascone Park. There will be presentations and activities including music, poetry readings, and a drum circle session. Food trucks will be on site. Ardsley Highway crews will do daytime setup, and a crew will help out in the evening during the event.

Summer Concerts-in-the-Park:

Our first Summer Concert will be Thursday June 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Pascone Park. It will feature "The Saints".

Ice Cream Social:

The Ice Cream Social is set for Thursday June 23rd from 6 to 8 PM at the Pascone Park Snack Bar. Nora the popular Balloon Lady will be on hand.

Tennis Clinic:

There will be a 6 week Summer Tennis Clinic program starting June 25th. Thirty-six people have already registered.

Summer Chess Classes:

Summer Chess classes started last week and will continue through the month of June. The Rec Dept will be receiving a donation of a life-size chess set. The pieces will likely need to be stored in a Highway trailer at Pascone Park. It was suggested that our Chess Teacher may want to use it at the Park. A possible outdoor tournament using the set was also suggested.

Summer Movies-in-the-Park:

Parks & Rec Dept will be showing movies at Pascone Park starting in July, when it begins to get dark earlier. Details to follow.

Tennis Tournament:

Highway Dept will be hanging the "Save the Date Tennis Tournament" banner on the Small Soccer Field fence at the end of the month. Final pricing for the Tournament is being worked out, and the registration details will be posted on myrec and the Village Rec webpage this week. Some hard copy flyers will be posted at locations around the Village. Zip-ups for prizes and tee shirts for participants will be ordered from Perillo. A variety of sizes will be ordered. Date will not be printed on the shirts, so that extras may be used for future tournaments.

Master Parks Plan:

There was some discussion about the Master Parks Plan. Interviews with small representative groups will be the start of the process. Rec Comm members hoped that the process would not take too long. It was suggested that storage facilities for Rec equipment be a priority. Also, it was mentioned that uses for McDowell Park be expanded. This could be balanced by appropriate field maintenance to accommodate additional usage.

New Business:**New Summer Programs:**

Two new programs are planned for this summer. There will be an Outdoor Kickball program for children entering 2nd to 4th grades at Pascone Park Softball Field on Fridays from 10 to 11 AM. An Arts 'n Crafts/Bingo program is also planned, details being finalized.

Pascone Park Snack Bar:

The Pascone Park Snack Bar will likely be renovated or replaced as part of the Master Parks Plan. In the meantime, it was suggested that there be a clean up of the facility so that it can be put to better use right now.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Sept 13 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn