

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
October 18, 2022

The October 18th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Abe Falek, and Lorraine Kuhn.

Minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting were approved.
They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Welcome Back Ardsley Day:

Our Welcome Back Ardsley Day was a terrific event with over 1000 people attending! Thank you to Highway, Ardsley Police and everyone who helped out to make this a great event.

Fall Programs:

Grit Ninja is running smoothly with 25 children registered.

Tennis Clinic is running well. We have 50 registered this fall.

Video Game Coding and Nory Robotics are up and running. There are 20 children registered and they love these new programs.

Kickball is a big hit! Fourteen children are enjoying this great outdoor activity, and their parents are having fun watching too. We are looking for an indoor space to run this activity in the winter. We even add an adult session.

Garage Sale:

It was a great day for the Garage Sale this year which took place on Saturday October 8th. We had 25 tables, about 10 more than usual. There was a mix of residents and vendors and everyone enjoyed the day.

Youth Advocate:

Our new Youth Advocate Amanda Casey has started Homework Helpers on Wednesdays and Drop in Rec on Fridays. Both programs are running well.

Upcoming Programs:

MDI Committee Diwali Celebration:

The MDI Committee will be hosting the Annual Diwali Event this Saturday October 22nd from 2 to 5 PM at Pascone Park. There will be food trucks and a caterer. There was a question about the food trucks fees. There is a \$100 fee per event. Peddlers can also choose to get an annual Village permit for \$250.

Arbor Day:

Arbor Day will take place this Saturday October 22nd at 9 AM at Pascone Park. Scouts will participate and plant trees along with the Highway Department at this new annual event.

Halloween Movie-in-the-Park:

We are hosting a Halloween Movie-in-the-Park on Friday October 28th at 6:15 PM. The feature is "Casper the Friendly Ghost".

Trunk or Treat:

Our very popular 4th Annual Trunk or Treat will take place Saturday October 29th. Parents and children will park and meet at the Gazebo at 12:45 PM, then the costume parade will go to the AMS parking lot. We currently have 22 cars signed up to give out candy. AHS students can join in to help for Community Service credit.

Ardsley Cares Day:

Ardsley Cares Day has returned this year., scheduled for Saturday October 29th. It is sponsored by Ardsley PTA and there will be many fun and civic-minded activities occurring around the Village.

Youth Basketball:

Youth Basketball registrations have started for girls and boys in grades 3 to 6. Last day to register is November 15th. We are looking for volunteer coaches.

Master Parks Plan:

The Parks Master Plan is making progress. Focus group sessions have finished up. There is a now a 30 page survey available to all residents.

New Business:**Gaga Ball Program & Winter Mini-Camp:**

We are planning to add Gaga Ball as one of our sports programs, along with a multi-sport Mini-camp during February school break. Both programs will be held indoors at the Community Center.

Friday Night at McDowell Park:

There will be a Field Night Event under the lights at McDowell Park on November 18th. We will have a DJ and Pizza Truck. There will be a variety of games including Gaga Ball, Capture the Flag, Tug of War, and more. There have been suggestions that we schedule regular events on Fridays, and try to include food trucks.

Community Center Game Equipment:

We may be getting an Air Hockey table for use on Drop-in Rec days at the Community Center. We thank Highway Department for helping with setup.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Nov 15 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn