

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
December 13, 2022

The December 13th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Abe Falek, Christina Hansbury, Lorraine Kuhn and Alka Shukla.

Minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Gaga Ball Event:

Our first outdoor Gaga Ball Event was run at the end of November under the lights at McDowell Park. All 40 kids registered had a great time. Weather was chilly but the Pizza Truck and Hot Chocolate warmed everyone up. Registration included a personal pizza for each participant.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting:

Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was a huge success! About 300 people attended. Thank you to Ardsley Highway and Police for helping out and Ardsley Fire Department for offering their space at the Firehouse once again. Thank you to Spencer Smith and AHS Select Chorus. The tree lights in the Village look great this year.

Open Gym:

Open Gym started two weeks ago and is running smoothly. We have 26 adults signed up. Rec Dept worked out facility use arrangements with the new Facility Director Jonathan Gross.

Youth Basketball:

Youth Basketball held its second week of practices with no issues to report. There are 78 boys and girls registered in this program. One 3rd & 4th grade girls team and one 5th & 6th grade girls team have joined the White Plains Youth Basketball League, to have a sufficient number of teams in the league.

Upcoming Programs:

Winter Programs:

Starting in January, Rec Dept will be running Beginners & Advanced Chess, Video Game Coding, Lego Robotics, Indoor Parent & Me Multi Sports and Indoor Gaga Ball. There are already signups for all of these programs.

World Cup Watch Event:

We are hosting our 1st World Cup Finals Watch Event on Sunday December 18th from 9:30 AM to 12 PM at the Community Center. We will be serving bagels, coffee and doughnuts. There was a request to add this event to Village of Ardsley Facebook.

Menorah Lighting:

Rec Dept is hosting its first Annual Menorah Lighting on Monday December 19th at Legion Park at 7 PM. All are invited back to the Community Center for refreshments.

Seniors:

Our Seniors made beautiful Holiday wreaths last week, and their Annual Holiday Christmas Party is tomorrow at the Firehouse from 2:30 to 4:30 PM.

Youth Advocate:

Homework Helpers has become very popular on Wednesdays. There are now 10 to 12 students coming for homework help and several high school students are volunteering as tutors. Next week there will be a special Holiday session with cookies, and parents are invited.

Friday Open Rec is also going well with a steady group of 10 to 12 students.

Lunar New Year:

The Lunar New Year celebration will be held at the Community Center on Saturday January 21st. It was suggested that a list of requests for all upcoming special events be prepared now so that they can be funded in the upcoming budget process which is starting soon.

New Business:**After School Gaga Ball:**

Rec Dept is working on an after school Gaga Ball program that will run once a month. We are working out dates with the instructor.

Friday Food Truck:

There will be a Friday Food Truck Event on Friday May 12th (rain date May 13th) at Pascone Park from 5 to 9 PM. The popular Bubble Truck will be there and we are planning to have DeCiccios participate, too.

Spring Egg Hunt:

We are planning to have our Egg Hunt under the lights at McDowell this spring. Details to follow.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Jan 10 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn