

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
October 13, 2020

The October 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 September 22, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Ninja Grit Program:

Trish reports that the Ninja Grit program at Pascone Park is running smoothly with no issues. There are 2 weeks left.

Seniors:

The Seniors had their first BBQ at Pascone Park on Sept 16th and they were so happy to see each other again. They had a food truck and Trish had tables & chairs brought to the Park for them. Everything ran smoothly.

Tennis Program:

Trish says that Ayo Obi continues to give private tennis lessons to residents and the Village gets a percentage of the fees, by contract with the Village. Lessons are sold in packages of 3 or 6. Trish would like to get a swipe card system instead of keys to better control entry to the courts. She will research this over the winter. She mentioned that several residents were interested in contributing to funding for a Tennis Bubble. Dave said the Tennis Bubble in Hastings is a nice installation and it can be taken down in winter.

Movie-in-the-Park:

The Movie-in-the-Park on Saturday Sept 26 was well attended. All residents abided by Covid guidelines and there were no issues. Thank you to Youth Officer Tony Vacca and Patrick Lacy for helping out.

Community Center Upgrades:

Trish says the Community Center renovation is finished, just a few touch ups remaining. Mirrors will be installed in the rest rooms. Trish has also ordered "hands free" paper towel dispensers. Steve said he may be able to help out with the last details.

Softball Field Renovation:

Pascone Park Softball Field was completely renovated, and Trish says that Greener World did an amazing job. She needs to keep people off the field for another couple of weeks. Dave asked if the drainage had been improved and Trish said that it has been improved. She added that Ayo helps to keep watch over the field while he is at the Tennis Courts.

Seniors:

Nick continues to reach out to the Seniors to see how they are doing. He provides updates for them about any emergencies or issues that occur in the Village.

Upcoming Programs:

Halloween Trunk or Treat:

Our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday Oct 24th from 12:45 to 3:00 PM. Parents & children will park at Pascone Park parking lot. They will meet at the Gazebo area and then be arranged into socially distanced groups by Rec Dept & APD personnel. Groups will walk immediately to the AMS parking lot where there will be a line of decorated cars with people handing out candy. Everyone handing out candy must wear a mask & gloves, and ALL candy must be individually wrapped. There will be no music or bounce castle this year, and bathroom usage will not be permitted during the event. Charles has posted an announcement on the new Rec website and he is accepting registrations for the event.

Movie-in-the-Park:

There will be another Movie-in-the-Park this Friday Oct 16th at 7 PM, co-sponsored by Parks & Rec and Ardsley Police Dept. Trish reports that it is already sold out. She says that residents love the movie events and we will try to run more as the weather permits.

Turkey Trot:

Steve asked if we were having the Turkey Trot 5K in November. Trish mentioned the Vinnie Coulehan did a Firefighters Run in Ardsley recently. Abe said that there have not been many “live” running events lately. He said that individuals do runs and then submit times to virtual contests. Dave added that the Harry Chapin 6K is now a virtual event. Trish will look into this further and try to get a copy of the 5K route from Theresa who runs the SAYF 5K event.

Basketball Courts:

Trish reports that the Basketball Courts remain closed until further notice.

New Business:

Pascone Soccer Field:

Trish says that Glenn Leibel, Robert Jacobson Sports, would like to use the small soccer field for Football Practice.

Little League:

Steve says that Little League is planning to renovate Field 2. Details of the planned work were included in the Agenda of a recent Village Board meeting. Lighting may be included too. Trish said that Zach Murtha is the new head of Little League. Dave said there was some discussion about improving the road that goes to Field 4 in the back.

Pascone Park Master Plan:

Steve brought copies of the new Master Plan for Pascone Park. It was prepared for the Village by Westchester County Planning Dept. The first project will be a new bathroom building. Trish says it may be like the McDowell bathrooms, a pre-fab style building. Steve said that outdoor concrete game tables, like chess & foosball, could be placed under the bathroom building roof overhang. Lorraine asked if the new entry path near the parking lot entry could be modified slightly to go around the Pin Oak trees and stone Memorial Bench. She said this is a small grove used often as a picnic area. Steve said we could look into design modification. Abe asked if the Spray Bay area could also be used in the cold weather season for something else. Steve said the new playground installations will depend on budget availability. Trish asked about the New Pavilion. Dave said the pavilions at Ridge Road Park were really nice. He said the grills were very popular. Lorraine said that Pascone used to have grills but the park might now be too crowded for them. Steve said that people can just grill at home. Dave asked if new lighting for the Tennis Courts could also be used to light the Basketball Court. Trish said it

would be nice to light the Softball Field too. Steve said that we will need to pick out playground equipment. Trish says that Sleepy Hollow has good equipment and she has spoken to Matt Arone about the supplier. Dave said the playground on Beekman St is awesome. Abe said that Sleepy Hollow has a Spray Bay too. Steve asked if there was any additional equipment that people would like. Abe said more outdoor interactive items. He said some activities don't need equipment, like spike ball. Dave asked about the Volleyball Court. Steve said we should ask the designer. Lorraine said there may be room just south of the Skatepark, and east of the Basketball Court for Volleyball. There was some discussion about whether we should consider a Cricket Pitch, but there may not be enough room in the park. Abe said it would be nice to have a walking path that could also be used for bicycles, like the one in Macy Park. Steve said we might want to install one around the perimeter of the park. Dave asked if this plan was like the Village Comprehensive Plan. Steve answered that the Comprehensive Plan is not a funded plan, it is a management and planning guide for the Village.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 10th at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Lorraine Kuhn