

**Ardsley Parks & Recreation**  
**November 10, 2020**

The November 10<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Steve Edelstein, Abe Falek, Gina Goldstein, Lorraine Kuhn, and Dave Whitehead.

Minutes from the October 13, 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 finished up on Friday. It was a very popular program and parents appreciated having this activity for their children.

**Halloween Trunk or Treat:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat was a huge success. There were about 200 children, all properly distanced. There were 14 cars, the Fire Truck, ASVAC Ambulance and Police Car. All families obeyed all Covid rules and the children had a great time. Trish thanks Abe, Steve, Ardsley Fire Dept, Ardsley Police Dept and ASVAC for their help.

**Tennis Program:**

Trish says that Ayo Obi continues to give private tennis lessons to residents, and the season continues with the good weather. Dave said that the courts look great.

**Movie-in-the-Park:**

The Movie-in-the-Park scheduled for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to bad weather. Trish may try to schedule another movie for next Friday.

**Seniors:**

Nick continues to stay in touch with the Seniors to see if they are okay. The Seniors will be slowly returning to the Community Center wearing masks and observing social distancing. There are about 18 in the group. Next time they meet, Nick may schedule a movie for the Seniors.

**Upcoming Programs:**

**Turkey Shoot:**

Ardsley Parks & Rec and Ardsley Police Dept are co-hosting our Annual Turkey contest on Saturday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at the AMS outdoor basketball courts. The event is for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a maximum of 10 participants per grade. Each grade will have their own ½ hour time slot so proper social distancing can be maintain. Best of 10 foul shots per grade wins a free turkey. Trish is getting turkey donations from DeCiccós. Runner-ups may get a basketball.

**Community Center Programs:**

Trish has contacted instructors to begin slowly bringing programs back to the Community Center. Classes maximum size will be 10 participants. Adult Yoga will be starting again soon. Our very popular Chess instructor Mr. Kan has been giving private chess lessons to people at their homes. Hopefully he will return soon. Gina asked about online chess lessons and Trish will provide his contact information.

**Tree Lighting:**

Our Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Trish is looking into having Center St closed off for the event which will be held outdoors. Spencer Smith and the AHS Select Chorus will not be able to appear this year due to Covid restrictions. They are only producing recorded music right now. Dave suggested putting Santa on the Fire Truck this year. Steve said maybe we could have Santa's helpers give out the presents. Trish said we could walk down from Legion Park and the Fire Truck could park by the Community Center.

**Food Drive:**

Rajvi Patel, AHS 11<sup>th</sup> grade student, has organized a holiday Food Drive for neighbors in need. We will have a collection box in the Community Center foyer on Nov 13, 14 and 15 from 7 AM to 8 PM. Steve suggested asking DeCiccis if we could put a box in the store too.

**Toys for Tots:**

Ardley Parks & Rec and Ardley Police Dept are planning a Toys for Tots drive. Toys for Tots now has an office at Life The Place To Be on Lawrence St. The drive will be coordinated with them.

**Community Center Upgrades:**

Trish purchased new paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers and hand sanitizer dispensers for the Community Center. She has ordered new mirrors for both bathrooms. Mirrors must be ADA compliant. Dave noticed the new ceiling tiles and said they looked good. He asked about replacing the dropped ceiling at some point as a future project.

**New Business:****Pascone Park:**

Dave asked if the Softball Field was open yet and Trish said that it has been at least 6 weeks so the Field can be used now. Lorraine asked about the Basketball Court but Trish said it is not open yet. Dave asked if there were any updates about installing a Tennis Bubble. He asked what would be needed for it besides heat. Lorraine said it needs to stay inflated too.

**5K Event:**

Gina asked if we could schedule a Jingle Jog, maybe as a charity event. Dave said we could have a staggered start. Abe said that there is a race in Sleepy Hollow in December. He said there is a 250 participant limit, runners wear masks at the start and finish and there is a staggered start. Dave asked about the Ardley course and Trish said that Vinnie Coulehan recently ran a 5K event. She will get the map from him. Gina said it would be fun to have jingle bells for runner's shoe laces. Dave suggested \$45 entry fee which would cover the cost of tee shirts and bells. Gina said maybe ½ of the registration fee could be donated to Toys for Tots. Abe said tee shirts could be picked up before the race. Lorraine said the new Rec website will be convenient for pre-registration. Abe suggested that runners could wear holiday costumes. Gina said we should post event photos on Village Instagram. Dave mentioned that we should close the streets for the race. Steve said that would be okay because it would only be for a short time and streets could reopen as soon as runners have passed through. Gina suggested a time limit for the race. Dave said that he had seen a race where runners got picked up by golf cart and maybe Santa could be in the cart. Abe thought it might be fun to have Santa on a motorcycle to lead off the race. Saturday December 19 was chosen as a tentative date. Steve said that would allow time to get the tee shirts made.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Kuhn