

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
January 12, 2021

The January 12th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Abe Falek, Gina Goldstein, Lorraine Kuhn, and Dave Whitehead.

Minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Virtual Tree Lighting:

Trish reports that the Tree Lighting was a success with 90 people “tuning in” for the celebration, and lots of positive feedback. Thank you to Joe Rooney & Rooney Tunes for helping make the holidays brighter.

Holiday Lights Contest:

A total of 13 households send in photos of their Holiday Lights. 8 Wayne Court was the winner and we thank all those who sent in pictures. There was also one indoor decorating winner. Winning photos were featured on Village of Ardsley Facebook.

Snowman Contest:

This past snowstorm we sponsored a Snowman Contest, and received 22 photos. The photos are featured on the Ardsley Parks & Rec website. The winner received a \$25 gift card.

<https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/parks-recreation/slideshows/snowman-contest-2020>

Snow Angels:

During the last snowstorm, Trish put together our first list of Snow Angels, students helping Seniors in need of having their driveway shoveled. Six driveways were shoveled out. We thank all those who volunteered, High School students and their families.

Seniors:

Nick continues to make sure that the Seniors are safe and well. He is working through Zoom to help set up vaccination appointments. Dave suggested that we get one of the local pharmacies to set up vaccinations for Seniors at the Community Center, and maybe partner with the other Rivertowns to set up a vaccination program.

Upcoming Programs:

Virtual Classes:

Trish has been in touch with instructors and we will be offering Virtual Lego Building, Arts & Crafts, Chess and Voice classes online. We are pleased that our excellent instructor, Mr. Kan, who has been running Chess classes at the Community Center for many years, will be returning to do the online program. Lego, A&C and Chess classes are set to begin in February.

Virtual Activities:

Trish has arranged for Virtual Bingo games. This will be a fun family activity. Gina suggested that we consider offering an online Workout Class too.

Virtual Contests:

Trish is planning to run Virtual Contests on a monthly basis. Next up will be the “Guess the Number of Candies in the Jar” for February. We will post a photo of a jar filled with candy chocolate “Kisses” and

participants can email their guesses. Winner gets a gift certificate. For March, Trish is running a Virtual Lego Building Contest. Kids can email photos of their best Lego creation.

New Business:

Tennis Bubble:

Trish met with some staff members from the Greenburgh Tennis Center which is a Tennis Bubble located at Rumbrook Park in Greenburgh. They are interested in renting out our courts for a few months a year, possibly September to May. They have offered to pay all the costs of installing the bubble, and they would pay a fee to the Village as well. Dave asked if Ayo could still run his lessons and Trish said that his ability to run lessons would be part of the deal. She said that they have offered to allow Ardsley residents to use the court for free from 1 to 3 PM Monday to Friday. Dave asked what it would cost to put up a bubble and Trish said about \$500K, and we would also need a container to store the bubble. Dave suggested that December to April might be a better proposal. Gina said it would be nice to have an indoor multi-purpose rec space. Abe said that Greenburgh runs tennis lessons at the bubble and Trish said that there were Ardsley kids in that program. Dave asked about the cost of a tennis pass and Trish said it was \$250. Dave said we could run lessons and programs in the bubble, and he suggested that we only let Greenburgh use 2 courts. Abe said that Ayo needs use of one court. Trish said the bubble will have lights. Lorraine mentioned that electricity will have to be restored to the Tennis Courts site. Trish said that bringing electricity back is part of the Master Plan for the Pascone Park. Dave said it is difficult to get gym space for our programs and this would add an extra indoor space. Gina asked why they didn't ask for more space at Greenburgh for their proposal. Dave said our site meets criteria, like having grassy areas on 2 sides. Trish said it costs \$7K to take down the bubble each time it is put in storage. Dave mentioned the previous Fieldhouse proposal. Gina said perhaps we could fund raise to put up a bubble. Dave asked if they would be given a 20 year lease. Gina said maybe the proposal could be shortened to December to February, but Trish thought they would not make enough money. Dave asked about how the Little League proposal at McDowell was going, but those renovations have not taken place yet. Trish said that she will discuss things further with Greenburgh.

Seniors Program:

Trish is running a 2 hour presentation about Norman Rockwell for the Seniors by Zoom.

Ski Trip:

Trish contacted Thunder Ridge about organizing a ski trip. Thunder Ridge is offering ski lessons and skiing packages to Rec departments. They are located in Patterson NY, about 1 hour drive from Ardsley. Gina said that her high school used to have a "Snowflake Club" which sponsored trips to local mountains. Trish said that she used to run trips to Windham and Butternut when she worked at New Castle Rec.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 9th at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Kuhn