

**Ardsley Parks & Recreation**  
**March 16, 2021**

The March 16<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Allen Chen, Steve Edelstein, Gina Goldstein, Lorraine Kuhn and Dave Whitehead.

Minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

**Old Business:**

**Lego Contest:**

Trish thanks all who participated in the Lego Building Contest. There were 10 entries. The winner received a \$25 gift certificate. All entries can be viewed on the Village Parks & Rec website.

**Seniors:**

Nick continues to check on all of our Seniors to see if they are okay. About 90% of our Seniors are now fully vaccinated. Rite Aid calls when there are extra shots available. The Community Center is still closed so Seniors cannot return yet. Trish said perhaps we can organize some meetings in the park.

**Virtual Chess:**

Trish says that Virtual Chess is still running, but that virtual programs are not so popular because students already spend so much time on the computer. Gina suggested trying an outdoor chess class. Dave said maybe it could be held at the Macy Park Pavilion because there are many tables and the area is protected from rain.

**Upcoming Programs:**

**Egg Hunt:**

Ardsley Parks & Rec and Ardsley Police Department will be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Egg Hunt at Pascone Park on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM Sharp. We will be using the Soccer Field for ages 5 – 6 years and the Playground area for ages 7 & up. All children must wear masks and gloves and bring their own basket. We thank Pat Jr. for volunteering to be our Easter Bunny this year. There will be 12 golden eggs hidden with special gifts inside. Ardsley Police & Ardsley Fire Departments will be on hand and children can take photos with the vehicles. Attendance will be capped at 150 total, 75 on the Soccer Field and 75 at the Playground area. Current NYS limit is 200 outdoors with masks.

**Outdoor Programs:**

Trish is running lots of outdoor programs: Ninja Grit 6 week & 8 week sessions, Pee Wee Soccer, Spring Fun at Pascone Park, and Adult & Kids Yoga at Pascone Park. Men's Softball has 6 teams in the league. Tennis lessons are being offered for all ages on Saturdays and Sundays. Trish is also working on booking an Adult Full Body Conditioning program.

**Tennis Courts:**

Dave suggested limiting the number of tennis spots available, and only allowing booking one spot at a time. Trish said that an attendant may be needed to monitor the courts. Dave asked about permit fees. Gina suggested giving preference for permit holders on Sundays from 12 to 4 PM. Gina also asked how would people be able to get into the Tennis Courts if they did not purchase a permit & get a key. Dave said maybe Ardsley Police could give out the key and hold a person's drivers license until they return it. Lorraine wasn't sure if there would be too many people stopping by the Police Station for keys. Gina asked when Tennis would start, and Trish said it is starting this March. Steve said that maybe use of the Tennis Courts could self-regulate and that we should send a "blast" regarding operation of the Tennis Courts.

**Ice Cream Social:**

Trish is planning to hand out pre-packaged ice cream and ice pops this year. Ice Cream Social will be held at the end of the school year in June.

**Summer Concerts-in-the-Park:**

Trish has booked 5 concerts for this summer. Gina asked if we could have food trucks again. Steve said food trucks should be at the Village of Ardsley 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which is planned for Columbus Day 2021.

**Movies-in-the-Park:**

Steve asked if we could have more movies in the park. Trish said that we had some in the summer and the events went well. She will work on planning some movies in the park.

**New Business:****Spring Drawing Contest:**

Trish is running a new Spring Drawing Contest. Entries can be emailed to Trish. Winner gets a \$25 gift certificate. Contest deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks Report:**

Trish said that Zach Murtha, Ardsley Little League, is working on fixing the Batting Cage at McDowell. Trish is getting quotes to fix the Basketball Court at McDowell, too. Dave mentioned changing the orientation of the courts. Steve said the Budget hearings start Monday and Rec Budget will be discussed. Trish said she is working out fees for the Cricket players for use of Pascone Softball Field. Rental fees for field use may be changed. Hourly fees are being considered. Dave asked about the re-design of Pascone Park. Steve said that we could save money by using the services of the County designer again because they gave design advice free of charge.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Kuhn