

## Park and Recreation Committee Minutes January 19, 2021, "GoToMeeting"

Present: Sue Lynch, Rey Hernandez, Mary Porcu, Willa Freiband, Marty Nask, Phil Sabatelli, Michael Mazzuca

Town Liaisons: Tyler Etzel, Tom Burke

Parks Director: Joey Gianzero

Public: Brandon Calore, Maria Hunter, Martha Lopez on Pablo Quinones' phone, Denice DaCunha

### 1. December Minutes:

- a. Chairwoman Lynch suggested changing the wording from Holiday Lights to Holiday Display.
- b. She also suggested that words be added to the sentence referring to a water leak at the Rez to reflect that the leak was under the swing set.

Motion: by Willa Freiband, Seconded by Rey. Motion to accept passed.

### 2. New Committee Members Phil Sabatelli and Michael Mazzuca were welcomed.

### 3. Parks & Recreation Director's Report by Joey

- a. The Winter Wonderland display has been taken down.
- b. Santa and Mrs. Claus were well received with over 100 cars attending the event.
- c. Pool bids will go out February 15 and need to be received by March 15.
- d. Joey tells people interested in using the fields and Community Center that everything is on hold until we know more about the Pandemic. There is not much activity, but he is keeping a list so he can contact people when things open.

- e. General maintenance is ongoing. Tyler, Tom, and Joey have been walking the fields, and the pool area, to create a list of things that need to be done for maintenance.
- f. Mary Porcu asked if the past practice of assigning Committee members to specific parks for the purpose of oversight would be updated now that we have new members.
  - i. She asked that the 'No Dogs' sign be replaced at Brickley Field. Joey said he would do it.
  - ii. The decorative sign at Brickley was removed by kids. Joey said he will replace it in the Spring.

#### 4. Town Liaison Report

- a. Tom said he will talk to Frank to try to get a date for the meeting/workshop with the Town Board to address committee functions and job description for members of the committee.
- b. Tom thanked Denice DaCunha for her service and welcomed the two new members.

#### 5. Old Business

- a. Rey proposed postponing the acceptance of the Annual Report draft until new members have the chance to review it. They may have ideas about 2021 goals.
- b. Denice thanked everyone for their kind words.
- c. Since people have questions about why the water is being drained at the Rez, it was suggested that a sign be put up to explain that mussel control, cleaning replacing sand and re-grading, and weed removal are being done. Joey will send an e-blast message to keep the public informed.

## 6. New Business

- a. Rey offered to organize a subcommittee to look into how the Committee can recognize the work of past volunteers who served on the Park and Recreation committee.

Denice DaCunha, Fred Ungerer, John Smith, Michael Pastel and Denice Rocks are a few who did not receive any formal recognition from the committee. Mary Porcu stated that in the past members chipped in personal money for any “celebration” or gift. Rey will see if there is something more formal that can be done to recognize their years of service.

- b. Executive board designation for Chair, Secretary (as per Town of Woodbury code Chapter 54-4B)

A motion to reappoint Sue Lynch Committee Chair and Willa Freiband as Secretary was made by Rey and seconded by Mary Porcu. Motion passed. This will be revisited every January.

## 7. Public Comment

- a. Brandon Calore asked if he could suggest some ideas for Park and Recreation activities. He recommended a “First Responders Day” with Fire, EMS, and Police. Denice DaCunha suggested adding the Scouts to this group. Mike talked about doing something like “A Guns and Hoses” event which he knew about from his days working with the Hudson Valley Renegades. Maria Hunter mentioned Bed Racing was done in the past. Other ideas that were brought up included holding a Winter Carnival and doing a New Year’s Ball Drop event.
- b. Chairwoman Lynch discussed looking into a tree planting program which could eventually grow into a tree decorating contests once the trees were in place and mature enough.

- c. Rey said he, Mike and Phil create a subcommittee to explore this.
- d. It was suggested that Rules and Regs, and Town Code regarding Committees could provide useful info for new Committee members. There is a link on the Town website.

Next Meeting Date February 16, 2021

Adjourned