

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
February 18, 2020

In attendance: John Smith, Chairman, Denice daCunha, Marty Nask, Mary Porcu, Willa Freiband.

Joe Gianzero, Director, Tom Burke, Board Liaison

Absent: Rey Hernandez

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM

2. The January 21, 2020 minutes were approved by a 3-1 vote.

3. Park Director's Report:

Expect to have Surround Sound at Community Building completely installed by the end of the week.

Installation of curtains at the site is planned which will help muffle some of the sound.

Greenwood Lake's "Winter Carnival" put down a plastic barrier with water expecting it to freeze. Mary shared a similar installation in Wallkill Park. If Woodbury attempted an ice-skating area, we would purchase a kit and construct it properly.

Joe went to the Association of Towns in NYC and reported that there were just a few Park/Playground representatives for him to talk to.

Not enough community individuals signed up to participate in the Aviation program so it has been cancelled.

4. Old Business: Review of Action items from last meeting. There were none to discuss. No notes were available.

5. Liaison's Report:

a) Tom met with Mr. Fusco, but there was no update on renderings of the Pool.

b) Interviews for additional Committee member will be held soon.

6. Based on the contract people sign regarding renting the community center, it was agreed that deposits would not be returned until the property is cleaned up. Balloons and signs have to be removed. Tom will let the Town Board know that a contract already exists.

7. A discussion was held about events at the Community Center and if activities such as Pat's Pals, Bricks for Kids, Mad Science or Aviation should be free. The consensus was to keep programs free and reassess next year. To ensure there is sufficient room for people, we will ask people to register ahead of time and keep a waiting list. This will also help us know whether there is interest in an event.

8. Vouchers: There were none to review. Committee members would like to see vouchers to ensure oversight.

Surround Sound for the theater at the Rez was purchased through Parklands fees. A discussion was held on how to review what projects were paid for with Parkland fees. The Committee felt it is part of its responsibility to be informed about such projects and costs. It was reported that there is approximately \$76,000 in Parkland fees fund balance. There are no projects currently under consideration.

The Committee asked our liaison, Tom, to request that the Town Board create a regular agenda item on their monthly agenda with any updates that affect the parks, community events, budgets and parkland fees. The communication to the entire committee will be through John Smith who attends these meetings every month. The Town Board will be able to stay up to date on any Parks business and budget items and will share news with the other committee members via email between Parks Committee's meetings.

11. A Pool update is expected by the middle of March. Committee members and Town Board members will meet to review the renderings before they are made public.

12. A handout of Parks Committee member job description was provided to each committee member. They were asked to review it for discussion at the next meeting.

13. Denice daCunha suggested a template be put together for the monthly agenda and meeting notes. New business can be added, but a template may facilitate keeping track of news.

14. New Business:

Tom Burke reported that the Town Board has reached out to the Village. There has been a discussion about having the Village Highway Department help with the debris when the pool is demolished and construction begins. Questions arose about the disposal of the material.

15. The Community Garden by the Community Center has been removed and will be leveled when the ground is less muddy.

16. The ground behind the ballfield is being cleared and filled. Joey said it could become a small soccer field or a pickle ball court.

17. At our next meeting, John Smith would like to discuss whether to continue music at the two parks. Joe currently has only four music events reserved. Cost and noise are both a concern as expressed by John Smith.

18. A survey is being prepared to help assess how the public feels about the new pool. Tom will ask Jackie for an update at the next Board meeting.

19. Joe suggested bringing back an overnight sleepover. The Committee has to address how to ensure the use of alcohol is controlled. This has been a problem in the past. The committee suggested starting with a smaller event like a chicken barbeque. One way to keep out people who do not have park passes or who have not registered could be issued wrist bands. Mary mentioned also that there be a "safe environment" check if any overnight activity is organized.

20. This year the Parks may sponsor a Pig Roast. Details are still being worked on.

21. Action Items (submitted by Ms. DaCunha)

- a) Committee Members: Review Job Description
- b) Tom Burke: Obtain update on pool schedule and survey. Request Town Board to have a regular agenda on park updates. Confirm that Town Board is in agreement with the Community Center Rental Contract.
- c) Joey Gianzero: Assess prices of Community Center program (no charge for residents).

Motion to adjourn: John Smith

Seconded: Marti Nask

Next meeting: St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2020.