

JANUARY 3, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAHWAH RECREATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Andrea Dalessio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The flag salute was followed by The Sunshine Law announcement. This meeting is being held in Conference Room #319 at the Mahwah Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Dr. Mahwah.

Roll call: Deb Burns, Andrea Dalessio, Ward Donigian, George Ervin, Heather Federico, Nic Giancaspro, Tony LaManna, Gloria LoRe, David May, Gerry Tracey and Pam Treadwell. Also in attendance is Rec Director Dennis Burns.

On a motion by Gerry Tracey, seconded by Nic Giancaspro, the minutes from the November meeting were approved, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting - recap: Great event, huge turnout! The float was excellent, thank you Gerry, Heather and Andrea and everyone that helped out! It has been taken apart for next year's float. We have purchased a generator and 5 large hot drink dispensers to make our own hot chocolate next year. Dennis had a post-event meeting to over the event and changes for next year. Discussed the starting location, earlier closure of some roads, flow at the end of the parade. Next year there will be a Parade Committee with others to coordinate this large event. Santa will be located by the tree. Will have new LED lighting. Food trucks will return. Will still give out free hotdogs and hot chocolate. Will discuss a float for Mahwah Day.

Holiday Lighting Contest – Tony said there were 36 entries, 3 winners. Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 given out. Next year, maybe 1 prize per section? Or an additional prize for condo winner? Tony will check addresses and sections of town. Will discuss further to decide how many winners/prizes next year.

Continuing Business

Pickleball – Gerry said the timer was finished today. The lights are on every night. Dennis said we are going to bid for new pickleball/tennis courts at CSP. New fencing is included. Gerry asked to have the key changed at the snack stand. Lights are out and need replacement. Trees need trimming back. If possible, would like a flag pole and light. Dennis said we received a grant for bocce courts but not for pickleball. Gerry asked if DPW can fix large cracks in surface – Dennis will talk to Glenn. Asked if leaves can be removed, maybe Boy Scouts for community service? Discussed purchasing at Home Depot and Amazon. Gerry will give list of DPW items to be done to Dennis.

Bocce – on hold during winter. Dennis said we are receiving a grant for the courts. Nic will send Dennis the request for new signs. The Bocce Team would like to challenge Township Council to a Bocce game. Nic will send the invitation to Council.

Basketball – Tony Lamanna said attendance has picked up, there are about 12-15 players coming regularly. The players appreciate having the program. Nic asked if there were any time slots for indoor soccer but there is none at this time.

Volleyball – going well. Packed attendance each week.

Outdoor soccer – program ended but the field is open on Mondays and Wednesdays with lights on if weather allows.

### New Business & Upcoming Events

Calendar Events – the committee went through the calendar and selected dates for events. Indoor Corn Hole – will put on the calendar for March 19 at 12:00. Movie Night – we have the funds to purchase our own equipment and show our own movies.

### New Ideas –

Rec Director's Report – Spring Clean Up – Dennis will be scheduling a cleanup day at the Annex Building to clean out stuff in the office and downstairs.

Nic requested an increase in the soccer fee to help cover the cost of referees. He is having trouble finding referees and needs to increase the pay. Maybe \$50 or \$55? Asked about increasing softball as well. Will discuss further at the next meeting. Dennis will need to request on the Resolution of 2023 fees.

On a motion by Dave May seconded by George Ervin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2023 via Zoom.