

JANUARY 4, 2022
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 via Zoom video conference.

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

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

Old Business:

Tree Lighting – recap. There was a lower turnout this year, we had 360 handouts but gave out about half. Some attending asked for hot chocolate. Discussed making the event better next year. If kept outside we should have some new things to make it fun. Discussed possibly having a parade, and/or moving it to the following weekend, to not conflict with Ramsey. Dennis will check Ramsey's schedule.

Holiday Lighting Contest – pictures are posted on MCN. 48 Houses entered the contest which is down from 60 the year before. Discussed setting a minimum of entries per section. If we have fewer homes we should have fewer prizes. Will need to do more promotion next year, ideas include emailing a flyer to the schools, send to the Suburban News, hand out flyers at Halloween and even Mahwah Day, mention at Council meeting, Nixle alert. We can send press release to Suburban News, flyers at businesses, and notify Rio Vista publication. Dennis will ask if we can email the schools, for this and other events too.

Face Book page – the old Rec Committee Face Book page has not been used in years. We should take this page down and start a new one from scratch. Dennis will check into it. Gloria would like to upload photos.

Continuing Business

Bocce – will resume when weather warms in March/April. About 25 players come regularly. Asked if we can request funds in this year's budget to fix the courts. Dennis will request. Discussed putting turf so there is no maintenance. Tony asked if Boy Scouts can do as a project.

Pickleball – going well, will keep playing all winter. Attendance remains high.

Men's Basketball – 6-8 attend regularly and feedback is good. They play half-court. Tony sent the players the rules about masks in the schools. Dennis can hold a time slot at Commodore Perry in the summer.

Volleyball – going well. Volleyballs and keys keep getting locked up and they have to find the custodian. Heather would like a key or have it unlocked before 7:30.

New Business – upcoming events

Kids soccer night – cancelled due to COVID concerns. Maybe we can reschedule outdoors in the summer.

Outdoor Adult Soccer – will start up again March 8, Tues and Thurs 9:00-10:30 at CSP.

Corn Hole – Dave will ask the High School wood shop if they can build corn hole boards for us. We will not have indoor corn hole this winter but have tournaments June 12 and August 13. May schedule another also.

Bowling – will consider starting in April or later due to COVID concerns. Tabled.

Town-wide Garage Sale – discussed having at homes only. Will table and discuss at the next meeting.

New Ideas – discussed the snowman photo idea, will see if we get snow.

Rec Director's Report – Dennis is working on the 2022 budget and the new upcoming Rec equipment bid. Tony Lore asked Dennis if the Sam Braen and Kofax fields can be cleaned up and improvements made for spring. Dennis asked Tony to email him with what is needed.

Membership – Dave May and Gerry Tracey's terms are up and are being renewed at the Re-Org meeting this week.

On a motion by Nic Giancaspro, seconded by Andrea Dalessio the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:30 pm.