

FEBRUARY 7, 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: Aly Burns, Deb Burns, Andrea Dalessio, Ward Donigian, Heather Federico, Tony LaManna, Gloria LoRe, Tony LoRe, Danielle Migliacci, Gerry Tracey and Pam Treadwell. Also in attendance is Rec Director Dennis Burns.

On a motion by Heather Federico, seconded by Gloria LoRe, the minutes from the January meeting were approved, all in favor, motion carried.

Special Presentation – The Girl Scout Troop presented their Silver Project. They would like to make Bee Bombs, which are flower seed bundles, that can be planted to grow pollinating flowers helpful to bees. The girls would like to give them out at Meet the Bunny. We will need about 250-300. They can have a table at the event. Thank you to the girl scout troop, we look forward to their project!

Old Business - none

Continuing Business

Pickleball – the leaves were picked up today. Dennis will meet with the Road Department about the cracks in the courts. They will fix weather permitting. Working on getting the lights done and getting keys.

Basketball – Attendance is up, there were 23 players last week. They will be rotating games and taking turns. Asked if the courts can be rotated to have 2 games going at the same time if needed. Dennis has basketballs in his office, will pick up after meeting. They can be kept in the volleyball bin.

Volleyball – going well. Packed attendance each week.

New Business & Upcoming Events

Senior Breakfast – Friday March 10 at 9:00 am. Estimating about 150 people. Will have eggs, fruit, yogurt cups, sausage. Can make pancake on griddles if we bring them in. Deb and Pam can help with food prep the day before and morning. Joanne will get a PO to Andrea for food and supplies. We should start setup at 7:00 am.

Kids Soccer Night – Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Ramapo Ridge gym. Aly will help Nic with the kids. Will check with Nic if he have give-away soccer balls to the kids, we can order from Amazon.

Meet the Bunny – Saturday, April 1 at 1:00. Gloria has the list of items from last year. Would like to have a back-drop behind the bunny so people behind will not be in photos.

Can order backdrop from Amazon or Oriental Trading. Can give out bunny ears, 3" chocolate bunny, mini bags of jelly beans, all from Amazon. No egg hunt this year. Asked about having face painter or do tattoos. Thought it would be fun to decorate the cart with bunny ears etc. to drive in the bunny. Also will possibly buy chick costume. Will possibly need PO to Gloria along with orders to Amazon.

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. No date yet, probably late March or April.

Tony asked about CPR – it is in the works. Dennis said he is working on getting AED's on all fields.

New LED Lighting will be installed at Continental, it is out to bid now. The Concession Stands are going out to bid. JC Snack Shack not continuing. If you know of any companies interested, let Dennis and Joanne know. Maybe we can send the bid to some of the Food Trucks to see if they are interested.

Facebook page – Aly said she can work on getting the Rec Facebook page up and running again. Joanne will send her the password.

Ward commented that the Council is hiring a planner to look at a redevelopment plan for the current DPW area. He requested the Recreation Committee send a letter to Council recommending that a Recreation/Community Center be considered as part of the plan. Fair Lawn has a great new rec center. Dennis said he would draft a letter for the next meeting.

Nic had emailed an invitation to Dave May inviting the Council to play Bocce against some of the players in spring.

On a motion by Deb Burns seconded by Tony LoRe, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2023.