

APRIL 4, 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, Alicia Dalessio, Andrea Dalessio, Ward Donigian, Nic Giancaspro, Tony LaManna, Gerry Tracey and Pam Treadwell. Also in attendance is Rec Director Dennis Burns.

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

Old Business

Senior Breakfast – excellent new event! Everyone loved it and had a great time. Lots of great feedback. We went through 16 pounds of bacon, need more for next year. Also need more French toast and not have on a Friday during Lent. Also provide egg back with no meat for vegetarians. Seniors loved being served. Andrea asked if we can serve them at the Senior Picnic. We will need food carts and small cups to hand out salads, etc.

Kids Fun Soccer Night – Nic said it went well and kids had fun. Aly and her friends did a great job with the kids. We had about 32. Many parents were not aware of it, Nic asked if there's a way to get the word out at the schools. Dennis will ask if we can email the HSO at each school and ask them to email out. Nic would like to have this event for older kids outside in June or July.

Meet the Bunny – went well. Had the event inside the Senior Center because of wet conditions outside. There was a lower turnout than in past years, most likely because it is the start of spring break. Discussed ideas for next year, maybe an Easter Parade, egg hunt, have a few games/activities, or possibly a bounce house? We will look into what other towns do. The Bunny-mobile came out great. There were too many high school volunteers that didn't do much. We really need only a few to help out. Like having the event at town hall with the indoor option for bad weather. A big thank you to Nic's daughter Nicole for the donation of the beautiful balloon decorations!

Continuing Business

Pickleball – Gerry said the lights need re-working and the locks need re-keying. Discussed the issues the town had with using Home Depot. Joanne will issue a PO to Dennis so he can pick up the pickleball paint and be reimbursed.

Basketball – going well. About 15 attend each week. Have to wait for the custodian to get the gym set up.

Volleyball – all going well.

Outdoor Soccer – Nic will make the schedule and new registration forms. Joanne will post on the website and email it out. Increase in the fee to \$50.

Bocce – starts up 4/16. Nic is getting information together to give for the plan of the new courts. The bocce members will play against Council on April 23. Nic would like to make shirts and have the players purchase them.

New Business & Upcoming Events

Cornhole Tournament – will be Sunday April 16. Only 2 teams so far. Joanne will email blast again.

Garage Sale – Saturday, April 29. 30 have signed up so far. Will continue to email the registration form.

Adult Sports – not sure about Tennis. In-Person Registration will be May 9. Will update the softball forms. Had trouble with collecting payments.. maybe they do not get assigned a team until they pay. Women's softball allows for out of town players but their fee is \$10 more.

Fishing Contest – Saturday, May 27 at 10:00 am. Chair is Andrea and Co-Chair is Danielle. Dennis said the fountain is going in the pond tomorrow. He is reaching out to Musky Trout for the fish but hasn't heard back yet. Joanne will do a PO to Andrea to reimburse for prizes and snacks. Or can do an order to Amazon.

Memorial Parade – Monday, May 29 at 10:00 am. The sports are having their own opening day.

Movie Night – Andrea checked the library and they have a movie screen and system but is smaller than the one we would need. Dennis said we will be buying our own equipment and show our own meeting.

Rec Director's Report –

1. Spring Clean Up – Dennis is working with Tony at the DPW to get a dumpster for cleanup at the Annex. Will reschedule 4/29 as that day does not work for most. Will probably be in May or June. Joanne asked the Fire Department and they will be getting rid of unwanted items in the basement as well. The green shed will be coming to Town hall for additional storage.
2. The LED Lighting project at Continental has been awarded and met with the contractor. The equipment was ordered. Activities on the field won't be affected during the work but the walking track will be closed.
3. The bocce court project will have the plans ready in August and bid out in the fall, to start work in late October. Replacing the courts, benches, irrigation and turf. Nic will give input on colors and lines.
4. New Pickleball – construction will start in about 2 weeks. They will be finished in early June. The DPW will maintain the courts.
5. Concession Stand – will be awarded at the April 17 meeting to Dragan Vending and Concessions. The owner, Luca, is the manager at Campgaw Ski Lodge and has much experience in running concessions stand and is excited to start. He hopes to open May 1 and plans on having both locations open a lot.

Other – Nic suggested that we should have a mid-year party for the committee. Alicia suggested that we have a pickleball tournament at the new courts.

Membership – a resident at Meet the Bunny asked about joining the committee. She will reach out to Dennis.

On a motion by Andrea Dalessio seconded by Pam Treadwell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023.