

APRIL 6, 2021
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 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Roll call: Andrea Dalessio, Deb Burns, Ward Donigian, Heather Federico, Nic Giancaspro, Tony LaManna, and Chris Sariti. Also in attendance was Rec. Director Dennis Burns.

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

Old Business

Meet the Bunny Drive-By – held on Saturday, March 27, from 3:00-4:00. Attendance was smaller than Christmas and Halloween, possibly due to not having a give-away. But it was good we had something and those that came seemed to enjoy it. Thank you to those that helped out.

Outdoor Soccer at Continental – Pick-up games on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 9:00-10:30 pm. Nic said there is a large turnout of players each night.

Soccer League – Nic will follow up with the schools to use the HS field in summer and possibly Sunday mornings. Dennis will text Kyle at the schools this week.

Spring Bocce – starts April 11, on Sundays at 10:00 am at Continental. Nic said about 25% more have signed up.

Pickle-Ball – will be starting up again as the weather is getting nice. The DPW is having the refrigerator fixed, and it will be moved to Continental or Comm.Perry by next week.

Volleyball – outdoor at Fardale courts, would like set times on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30 and Saturdays from 10:00-12:00 noon. Joanne will send out the email blast and post on the town website, to start in May and go through summer if possible. Dennis suggested that maybe we can give a key to the volleyball storage bin to another person that plays regularly in case Heather can't attend. Heather said the nets at the Fardale courts need to be tightened.

New Business

Youth Sports Parade – will be held later in the month, maybe combined with the Memorial Day Parade on May 31.

Adult Softball and Soccer: Joanne will update and post the registration forms and information on the website and send out the email blast. Nic and Chris will have the in-person sign up date for first time registration on May 12 and May 19 at Continental.

Tennis program – Dave was looking into having it, not sure as of yet.

Fishing Contest – Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 am. We are planning to have it as of now. Can have families spaced out around the pond and masks. Heather will pick up prizes. Discussed having water and snacks? Maybe pre-made brown bags that can be picked up after registering. The DPW is treating the pond, and the brush around the pond has been cleared. Dennis will reach out to Trout's Unlimited to see if they can come, and to Musky Trout for the purchase of fish. Worms can be purchased from Ramsey Outdoor.

Town-wide Softball Tournament – Chris is not sure, we will see how registration goes for the softball league to see how many players we will have. The Industrial League is slightly down in enrollment.

Summer Rec – will be announced that there will be no summer rec this year. Dennis has met several times with the Board of Ed and Township officials, it would be very difficult to offer the program implemented safely, so it was decided not to have it.

Senior Picnic – discussed possibly having a drive-by or boxed lunch. They do have boxed lunch now with pick-up. Dennis will speak with Ali the Senior Director to see what she thinks. She may be getting a tent for outside.

Mayor's Fitness Challenge, suggested by Tony Lamanna. Deb will spoke with the Mayor. The Mayor's Wellness Program is run through the League of Municipalities and is pretty involved. They are still figuring it out.

Membership – Dennis has not heard from the Clerk about the issues with committee membership.

Rec Director's Report

Dennis stated that we will be getting more Pickleball courts at Continental when the skate park is removed.

We will have a new vendor at Continental Soldiers Park. JC Snack Shack was awarded the bid and will be running the concession stand there. Owner Jack Sandler is from Mahwah and Chris is from Ramsey. They will be opening soon, hopefully this weekend. JC Snack Shack is very excited and want to be open many hours during the field schedules of youth and adult programs at the fields. Thank you to Patricia and Greg from Field of Creams, for running the stand there for 15 years.

New Events

Mahwah Soccer Festival, suggested by Nic. Run by Mahwah Rec and the Raiders. It would be a soccer festival day, perhaps in late fall. Nic will get some info together.

Bike Tour, suggested by Ward. Ward will speak with David Warshaw who ran the Bergen Bike Tour, for more information. Maybe have it in the fall.

On a motion by Chris Sariti, seconded by Tony Lamanna the meeting was adjourned at 8:240p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.