

MAY 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
MAHWAH RECREATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Chris Sariti 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, George Ervin, Heather Federico, Nic Giancaspro, Tony LaManna, Gloria LoRe, David May, Danielle Migliacci, Chris Sariti and Gerry Tracey. Also in attendance was Rec. Director Dennis Burns.

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

Continuing Business

Spring Bocce – Sundays at 10:00 am at Continental. Nic asked if we can get a sign to keep off of the courts, only for bocce play. He will email Dennis to ask Tony I. for a sign. He will also request to get new sand, preferably crushed shells. If not in this year's budget then maybe for next year. There are over 18 people playing each week.

Outdoor Soccer at Continental – Pick-up games on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 9:00-10:30 pm. Nic said it is packed with players each night.

Pickle-Ball – Pickle-ball is being played 7 days a week, sometimes twice per day. Dennis is ordering items needed.

Volleyball – outdoor at Fardale courts, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30 and Saturdays from 10:00-12:00 noon. It started yesterday and 20 showed up to play. Dennis will have a locker with key for regular players to use when Heather cannot go. Heather said the courts are slippery when wet so cancels games if rainy. The net is good. Heather asked if we can add a net or something above the fence to keep volleyballs from going over.

New Business

Adult Sports – Men's & Women's Softball – Tony LoRe and Tony LaManna will run the programs. Chris will send them the list of coaches. Coaches will draft players from the roster. Same for women's league. Chris can get a key from the DPW for Tony for the equipment. Coaches have keys to the equipment. We can post the schedule on MCN.

In Person Registration will be May 12 and May 19 at Continental, 7:30-9:30 pm. Joanne will make extra copies of the registration forms to have on hand.

Soccer League – Nic hasn't received confirmation of field use from the high school yet.

Fishing Contest – Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 am. Set up will begin at 8:00 am. Dennis said the pond was treated and Trout's Unlimited will be coming. He will order the fish. The DPW will mark areas around the pond for social distancing. Heather will purchase the prizes, Danielle will let her know what we bought last time. Joanne will do PO's to Heather for prizes and Andrea for snacks and water. Ward will look into getting the worms from Ramsey Outdoor. The DPW will bring tents, chairs etc. Need sound system, microphone.

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 31 at 10:00 am. Youth Sports, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will march in the parade too. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary and march to Veteran's Park.

Town-wide Softball Tournament – Chris said that after the league registration ends we will see how many players we have and if there are enough players for a tournament. We should have 3-4 women's teams. Franklin Lakes and Tyco Animal control will have a team too.

Senior Picnic – will be July 27. Andrea will speak with Ali the Senior Director to see if she is open for either a box lunch to pick up or if we can have outside entertainment under a tent. Will see if state guidelines change. We can cook and put in take out boxes. Will discuss at next month's meeting.

Bike Tour – Ward spoke with David Warshaw regarding having a bike tour in Mahwah this year. Possible date is Saturday, October 9. Could possibly have a bike shop sponsor and raise money for a charity or Bergen County Volunteers. Will look at routes starting at Continental or Comm. Perry and loop around. Could punch a card at different locations in town. We want to try to keep the route flat and not too difficult for families. Ward will get more info for the next meeting.

Rec Director's Report

JC Snack Shack is up and running at Continental and will soon be open at Commodore Perry Field.

The Food Truck Festival is being scheduled, we have 4 trucks so far. We also have the stage secured for the festival and for Mahwah Day.

On June 24 there will be a Pride Celebration event at Commodore Perry from 6:00-8:30 pm. The organizers took out a permit and they will have speakers at the event.

Summer Rec is cancelled this year but we are looking at having full day summer rec in 2022.

New Events

Mahwah Soccer Festival Day, suggested by Nic. Run by Mahwah Rec and the Raiders. Nic is getting info together, would like to have it next year, perhaps the Friday during spring break.

Coaches Soccer Game – Nic suggested having a soccer game of the kids' Rec and Raiders soccer coaches playing each other, with the kids watching. Would like to have it Columbus Day this year.

Indoor Soccer Fun Day – Nic said the kids really loved it, and would like to have it back again over the winter.

Drive-In Movie – possibly in June. Dave will look at the calendar and see what day would work.

Paddle Day – Andrea will reach out to Ramsey Outdoor again to see if they will do it, now that some regulations have been lifted.

On a motion by George Ervin, seconded by Nic Giancaspro the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.