

JANUARY 20, 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, George Ervin, Heather Federico, Nic Giancaspro, Tony LaManna, Gloria LoRe, Tony Lore, David May, and Danielle Migliacci, and Gerry Tracey. Also in attendance was Rec. Director Dennis Burns.

Old Business

Tree Lighting Drive-Thru event - turnout was low, those that came were happy. Very cold out. Had 300 bags made and some leftovers. Leftover masks were given to girl scouts. Hopefully next year we can have an in-person event. In the future we should have more discussion with Chairpersons about what we can do at our events. We still need to be careful with Covid.

Holiday Lighting Contest – everyone enjoyed this new event. Next year we can start advertising earlier to get more participants. Everyone seemed to appreciate it very much. Gloria was missing a few photos for the website. Next year we need to send pictures of the homes. We can advertise more on social media and Suburban News. Holiday decorating is all-inclusive, not specific to any religion or holiday. Thanks Tony Lamanna for the idea of this new event. We will start earlier next year to get the word out. Discussed possibly giving out signs or flags to participants to put outside home to make it easier to locate.

Continuing Business

Pickle-Ball – continuing through winter as weather allows. Gerry's pictures were put on MCN. Pickle-ball items were added to the Recreation bid list. The DPW fixed all the lighting by the courts and parking lot. Dave said that Ridgewood charges for their Pickle-ball program, but Gerry would like to keep it recreational and free to participants. The program is going nicely, thank you Gerry for running this program.

Bocce – will start back up when weather warms up. Need a new Bocce sign.

Adult sports – The Board of Ed is still unsure when we can use their gyms.

Volleyball – Outdoor volleyball ended in November and can maybe start up again later in the year. Everyone enjoyed playing and a great turnout, even during Covid. Players are willing to sign waivers and take temps before playing indoor again, when the BOE allows.

New Business

2021 Calendar – Went over the events for the year. Meetings will continue on the 3rd Wednesday each month. See the attached calendar listing for dates and events.

Meet the Bunny – scheduled for March 27 – We may have some modified event, will discuss further next month.

Garage sale – usually April, will postpone until fall, or not have this year. Will discuss further.

Youth Sports Parade – May 1 – may postpone. Youth sports kids are playing rec baseball and softball. Will discuss parade further.

Adult sports – will have baseball, softball and soccer, but online registration only. No in-person registration.

Memorial Parade, May 31 – virtual event, no parade

Movies – Discussed having 2 or 3 drive in events this year, as well as the one on-field movie in July. No need to make circles on the field, people can keep their distance. Discussed the cost of movies, and licensing. Dennis will look into the cost of a projection system to do ourselves. We can advertise 1st come first serve for drive in events.

Halloween – no Trunk or Treat. Deb had the suggestion to have the event outside, with the parade and different stations to do things, all outside.

Holiday Tree lighting – we can do all outside – picture with Santa, hot chocolate and blow ups. Maybe in the back lot, as it's less windy and we have the gazebo, patio and tables.

Holiday Lighting Contest – start registration 11/1.

Adult Volleyball – start in early October, outside at Fardale courts.

Corn Hole – will have an outdoor event, August 21

Soccer – Nic would like open soccer on Tuesdays and Thursday from March-May 9:00-10:30 pm at Continental, and again from Sept – November.

Soccer – Nic would like to have a fall league, with a small amount of teams. Nic is still working it out.

New events – everyone please think of any other events we may want to have. Covid is limiting our events from at least Jan-June. Suggestions:

- Outdoor concert / open mic – can sit in chairs or in cars, with high school acts.
- Battle of the Bands, maybe in late spring/early summer.
- Walking/Fun Run – Tony Lamanna thought of maybe having a 5K fun run/walk. There are a lot of logistics and involved to put together. Will discuss further.

Tennis – Dave said tennis is up in the air, youth tennis is also undecided.

Bowling – Maybe in the fall.

Golf – Andrea will look into. Maybe wait until fall..

Advertising events: Can get the word out by Nixle, email blast, MCN, Mahwah Moms, boards in town, and town website. Nic asked about posting notices at Continental on the big wall. There is a glass case that we can post our events. Dennis and MCN can send info to Connie at the Bd of Ed for advertisement at the school. We will hold off on a Recreation committee Facebook page, the town is working on social media.

Other Business

Membership – Gerry is being renewed as a regular member.

The Concession Stand is going out to bid for a new contract starting March 1.

On a motion by George Ervin, seconded by Nic Giancaspro, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. when the Zoom time limit ran out. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.