

JUNE 1, 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.

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

On a motion by Gerry Tracey, seconded by Tony LaManna, the minutes from the May meeting were approved, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Fishing Contest – about 40 kids came to fish in the pouring rain and freezing cold. Almost everyone that caught a fish got a prize. Everyone seemed to have a fun time despite the weather. Trouts Unlimited were a big help. The DPW did a great job as usual. Thank you to Heather and Andrea and everyone that came to help.

Spring Sports and Memorial Day Parade – combining the two events made one great event with a very large turnout. It was so nice to have lots of kids from sports teams, Girl and Boys Scouts etc. attend the Memorial Day Services. The weather was great and there were about 200 in attendance at the park. It was live-streamed over Zoom and MCN. We will look to combine the two parades in the future.

Continuing Business

Outdoor Soccer at Continental – Pick-up games are going well. Nic said it is packed with players each night.

Spring Bocce – Sundays at 10:00 am at Continental. There are over 18 people playing each week. Dennis will order new bocce balls this week.

Pickle-Ball – Pickle-ball is being played 7 days a week, sometimes twice per day. The program is going well. The new net system can be put up and left in place. We hope to get another one this year.

Soccer League – Nic hasn't heard from the Board of Ed yet for field use. He is moving forward with the schedule. Dennis will call Kyle. The program starts 6/8. The soccer balls were delivered and in Dennis' office, they can be picked up.

Volleyball – program is going well. Someone got hurt the other night. Once we have a locker it will be easier and we can keep ice packs there. Dennis is asking for quotes to buy something to tether to the fence with a lock.

Mens and Women's Softball – registration is ongoing. There are 6 men's teams and 3 women's teams. The men's draft is tomorrow. Chris will send Tony Lamanna the final roster sheets. Chris will send Joanne the quotes for the umpires.

Tennis – Dave said that because the instructors are not available, this year we will have open courts for pick-up matches. We will reserve the courts at the HS on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm, starting July 12. The program will be 6 weeks. Dave will reach out to the Board of Ed, and Joanne will send out the email blast and post on the website.

New Business

Paddle Day – Ramsey Outdoor is on board and we will have Paddle Day on Tuesday, July 20 with a rain date on July 22. Joanne will prepare the PO and post to the website.

Senior Picnic – scheduled for July 27. Andrea is chair, we are planning to grill and have seniors outside. Chris will reach out to Mark Dacey to see if he is available for entertainment. Joanne will do a PO to Andrea and post info on the website.

Movie Night – Wednesday, July 28. Will have traditional movie night at Commodore Perry Field, no drive-in. Dave will check out the available movies and email to pick selection. Joanne will do PO's to Swank and New Wave Cinemas. Joanne will post to the website and send the email blast.

Corn Hole Tournament – will have it on August 21 at Commodore Perry Field. Need registration form, teams of 2 will be \$10. We will start advertising. We will need to buy or borrow corn hole sets.

Town-Wide Softball Tournament – we will wait until after the regular league teams are set to see the interest. We will need to have at least 4 teams play. If there is enough interest we can send out a notice to the public for other players. Chris asked Dennis if we can get the Chamber of Commerce involved to get large companies in town for players and donations for prizes. Deb will get information on the Chamber to Chris.

Food Truck Festival – August 29 at town hall. We also have the stage secured for the festival and for Mahwah Day. 9 trucks are coming and we will still be getting more, should be 13-15 trucks total.

Rec Director's Report

Juan Mendez would like to get back on the Rec Committee. Dennis said he should email him. The Clerk said there were others interested in joining but the names have not been sent to Dennis.

The Youth Softball Tournament had to be cancelled due to rain.

Mahwah Day registration forms are posted on the website. The stages are reserved for the 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. Dennis will let JC Snack Shack know.

There is a Juneteenth event on June 19 at Commodore Perry, 6:00 pm.

Dennis is helping an Eagle Scout to construct a Gaga pit at Continental by the Bocce Courts. It will be presented to Council for approval. Andrea said that if any other scouts are looking for an Eagle project, a great idea would be building planter boxes at Veterans Park.

Chris asked about having a defibrillator at Commodore Perry. Dennis will look into it.

New Events

Bike Tour – Ward emailed the Ramsey Rec Committee if there is any interest in doing a joint bike tour. Ramsey has less hills and may be better for families. Will be mid-late October. We will have a registration fee and maybe company sponsors. Discussed possibly not having the Bergen Volunteers included as this is not a money making event. Ward will talk to David Warshaw as he would like to help. Tony Lamanna suggested maybe a local bike shop may offer services like checking bikes, tune ups and maybe a bag give-away. Ward will look into. Andrea offered to Co-Chair the event.

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

The minutes were prepared by Joanne Becker.