

## **August 18, 2020 Rec Meeting**

**Attendees:** Michelle, Mark Kelly, Van, Steve, Tammy, Joanne, Mark K., Nick, Derek, Alissa, Elizabeth, Dennis J., Tom

Everett, Joe, Roe, Dennis, Mayor Mike

Dennis read the Compliance memo and roll call – Tom was late.

Reviewed the July minutes. Tammy had a few edits.

Motion made by Van to accept the July minutes and Nick seconded.

**Finances** - Rec Dedicated trust has \$125k and the Mayor's Dedicated trust has \$22,400 which is being moved into the Rec Dedicated trust. There will be money spent on replacing playground equipment which has been vandalized. Not a large expenditure but the items must be replaced.

**Baseball/Softball** – The season concluded on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Summer Camp** – pleasantly surprised. There were 29 kids. A lot of parents were on a wait and see. They bought three weeks and then purchased more time. No camper has been turned away due to Covid. One child was in MD during their vacation and then was quarantined at home as it was one of the states on that list. A counselor quit due to cell phone violation, was suspended. Then did not like their schedule and quit. There is a replacement counselor. The nurse was unable to work the hours hired to work and has been replaced. The stations used by the campers are being cleaned. Camp made \$14k.

**Concert Update** – last week's concert was Jimmy Lahee and the Graymen with 100 people attending. Tomorrow night's concert is Cocoman. Jersey Shades conclude the concert series on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fall Sports Update** – There was a glitch with the registration. That has been resolved. Signups for archery, flag football, and cheer are inline. Soccer we have 200 players signed up compared with last year's numbers, 315. Unsure if there will be a season depending on if the school district will be virtual. Archery will be affected if the schools are closed. Possibly move the season to Nov – December. As long as it doesn't conflict with other activities. The adult archery is on Tuesday and kids are on Wednesday. Mark K asked if Dennis spoke with Michelle Aquino about gym usage. Dennis hadn't asked about indoors; he is waiting on the BOE. Another question discussed if the middle school gym is usable. It all depends on the testing. Michelle asked about Fall Sports/Winter Sports seasons at the schools.

**Senior Citizens** – The group normally comes back to the community center in the fall. Three seniors have passed away, two of Covid 19. Dennis would like to hold the annual picnic outside. The community center is not being used until the mayor oks.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Meet the candidate** - If indoors, the tables will be removed and chairs six feet apart. This allows for 33 chairs. It may be better to have this outside with an outdoor rain date.

**Labor Day Parade and Community** have been cancelled. Possibility of something at the Patriots stadium. This is being discussed.

**Green Acres Park** - This past weekend there was a fence knocked down on Friday night. On Saturday morning at 7:30 there was an AAU Basketball tournament until 4pm. It was supposed to be a two-day event. The organizer was from Bound Brook. There were teams from all over, as far as Howell. Dennis

spoke to someone there who said they had the North Plainfield Rec Director's permission to play. Michelle, Mark K and Elizabeth all agreed this was a league playing and not a few kids playing a pickup game. Mark Kelly wondered how they thought they could get away with that. Mark K. asked about Green Brook park and if soccer is being played there. He was unsure if it was on the Plainfield side. It was noted that North Plainfield has no control over what occurs on the Plainfield side. Union County controls it.

**Drive in Movie** – At 5-30-6 Party Perfect is bringing and setting up the screen. The gates open at 7:45 and 8 is showtime. Volunteers should be there at 7 – quick meeting. Usher and escort cars in and out. So far 42 tickets have been sold. Alissa asked about shirts. Tommy suggested Neon yellow. The cars can run/idle. There will be battery cables in case. There will be two porta johns. If someone shows up and doesn't already have a ticket, they will be let in unless it has been sold out. Mike said to make a call to St Luke's about the porta john delivery. Nick suggested locking the porta johns.

**Fishing Derby 9/18** – Masks will be required. Flyers in Spanish and English are not ready yet. The pond will be stocked with fish but not as much as in previous years.

**Question from the public -**

Francine asked if a permit is needed for organized games at Green Acres Park. She saw a young child who was on the street and was watching a man urinating. This was off of Myrtle, on the Plainfield side. Unfortunately, the crowd of people overflow to the N Plainfield side.

Steve made a motion to adjourn and Nick seconded.