

North Plainfield Parks and Recreation

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Time: 7:40 PM

Location: Vermeule Community Center, 2nd floor

Attendees:

Dennis Jackson (Director)	Michelle Brown	Joanne Pierre
Jenn DeJesso (Co-Director)	Nyja Canada	Wendy Sepulveda
Joe Irovando (Assistant Director)	Van Dickerson	
Tom Allen (Chair)	Marie Glover	<i>Mark Kelly (Excused absent)</i>
Nick Kisling (Vice-Chair)	Tammy Guevara	<i>Mark Kruszcynski (Absent)</i>
Larry LaRonde (Mayor)	Derek Haley	
Lisa Crenshaw (Secretary)	Everett Merrill (Town Council Member)	

- I. Statement of Compliance read by Tom Allen**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Attendance taken. Quorum met and meeting proceeded.**
- IV. New Swear in**
 - a. Pertinent paperwork was not provided to swear in Wendy Sepulveda.
- V. Public Comment**
 - a. No public comments
- VI. Review and acceptance of May minutes**
 - a. May minutes approved by the committee
- VII. Director' Report**
 - a. Finance update - \$175,042.86
 - b. Baseball/Softball
 - i. End of Season Picnic being held on 6/15 for players and coaches / sponsored by the Youth Sports / Committee members welcomed to join
 - ii. Season went pretty well / exciting final games
 - iii. Pizza party being held on 6/8 at East End
 - iv. Somerset pizza party being held on 6/15
 - c. Field Repair
 - i. Played first game on Passe Field on 4/25
 - ii. Field is no longer playable after storm on 5/27 / cannot use the field right now
 - iii. Field at East End will be used for the Youth Sports Summer Season
 - iv. Decided not to get field redone right now as a short-term solution / Discussing long-term solutions for getting the field fixed
 - d. Summer Camp
 - i. Registration Closed
 1. Maxed out at 150 campers (the most that we have ever had)
 2. Currently have a waitlist of 30+ registrants
 - ii. Camp starts on 6/27 and ends on 8/26

- e. Vermeule Playground Equipment
 - i. New equipment will be installed at the end of August
 - ii. Will need to order new mulch as well

VIII. Old Business

a. Upcoming Events

- i. July 4th Parade (10 AM – 12 PM)
 - 1. All invitations have been sent out and permit submitted to Board of Education to use West End school
 - 2. Put on the agenda for the next Council Meeting: a celebration with parade and fireworks
 - 3. Theme: Diversity in our Borough
 - a. Replacing Grand Marshall will be the High School H.O.P.E club
 - b. Children that volunteer all over the town. They always reach out to help with events
 - c. Mayor LaRonde felt that it would be appropriate to show appreciation to kids that go above and beyond for the town and other places
 - d. H.O.P.E is the school's version of the rotary club
 - 4. Judges will judge the parade
 - 5. Volunteers: Tom, Nick, Joanne
- ii. Community Day Fireworks (July 9th with rain date of July 10th)
 - 1. Contracted Miller Rentals to build stage for the event
 - a. Stage: 29' long x 14' deep (same dimensions as the show mobile)
 - b. \$1,600 for stage
 - 2. Joe to confirm if sound system is compatible with thumb drive or CDs.
 - 3. Sound system comes on a separate truck, speakers are huge,
 - 4. Rec has a sound system for movies, etc but won't be good enough for a large event like community day
 - 5. Band: The Cameos
 - 6. Volunteers: Tammy, Van, Wendy, Nyja
- iii. Outdoor Summer Concerts
 - 1. Wednesday nights 7:00 – 8:30 PM
 - 2. First concert to be held on 7/6
 - 3. All contract (except 2) have been sent back
 - a. Elvis impersonator and Tyrone Stackhouse need to sign contract
 - 4. Back-up location for bad weather will be Vermeule (not the high school)
 - 5. Looking at additional bands: Dennis recommended a band that the team will be checking out on 7/11 night at the Stage house. The band is called the Bull Sharks
 - 6. New band recommendation made by Lisa Crenshaw is New Jersey Connection from Plainfield
 - a. Joe to review email with additional information that Dennis sent
 - 7. Volunteers needed for Summer Concerts

b. Volleyball

- i. Friday nights for Middle school, high school and adult participants
- ii. Larry LaRonde was site supervisor for program
- iii. 43 kids participated this year
- iv. Open gym
- v. 8 - 12 adults participated per night
 - 1. Need to reach out to parent to find out how to gain more participation in the program

- c. Opening up recreation program to high school students
 - i. All kids will be eligible to play.
 - ii. Children that live in town even though they do not attend a North Plainfield school is still eligible to play.
 - iii. Rec team talked to Board of Education about possible opening up fields for additional programs
 - iv. Space limitations in town will put limit on more programs
 - v. Lower Krausche is not in the best condition to be used.
 - vi. Stonybrook field couldn't be used last year due to storm. However, is good to use now for the younger kids (Grades 3, 4, and 5)
 - vii. Other fall programs: soccer, co-ed flag football, high school soccer, adult soccer
- d. Adult Soccer
 - i. Rec team rethinking adult program
 - ii. Field next to the middle school is not appropriate to use for adult soccer
 - iii. Insurance was too high. Have to rethink the program.
 - iv. Need to make sure we have the numbers for the program. Will add if there is a big demand
- e. Co-ed Softball
 - i. Sign-ups are open online and will start on the last Sunday in June
- f. Men's Softball
 - i. Playing until July
 - ii. Each team pays \$400; they pay the umpire; we supply balls and bats
 - iii. Hope to have Fall League. Looking into what night is available
- g. Bylaws
 - i. Committee reviewed bylaws / some minor revisions were suggested by the committee
 - ii. Committee member accepted amended bylaws / Derek Haley abstained

IX. New Business

- a. Juneteenth Celebration
 - i. Being held on June 18th at the North Plainfield Middle School (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
 - ii. Advertised by flyers, social media, schools
 - iii. Some of the offerings will be: vendors, DJ, health screenings, voter registration, giveaways, Zumba, poet etc.
- b. Sign up for soccer being held on 7/15 and 7/16 at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - i. Volunteers: Derek available for both nights / Lisa, Marie, and Michelle are TBD

X. Announcements

- a. Next Committee Meeting is July 5th at 7:30 PM at Vermeule
- b. CPR training to be scheduled. Committee to provide availability
 - i. Weekday Availability: Larry, Joanne, Derek, Tamy, Michelle, Nyja, and Lisa
 - ii. Weekend availability: Nyja

XI. Committee Comments

XII. Adjournment

- a. Tom all made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Joanne. No nays or abstentions. Motion passed.
 - i. Meeting adjourned at (9:06 PM).