

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular/Reorganization Meeting
January 16, 2024

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular/reorganization meeting, virtually, on January 16, 2024 at 7:00pm

Members Present: Patty DeClesis, Cyndy Devesly, Josephine Fracasso, Yvonne Hernandez and Colleen McLean

REORGANIZATION:

Oaths of Office for each member – each member read their Oath of Office aloud

Nomination of Chairman –Patty nominated Colleen for Chairman and Josephine seconded that nomination. Colleen accepted the nomination and the committee voted. All Ayes.

Nomination of Vice Chairman – Patty nominated Cyndy for Vice Chairman and Josephine seconded. Cyndy accepted the nomination and the committee voted. All ayes.

Meeting dates for 2024 – The meeting dates were reviewed. The August date was moved to August 27th and the calendar was approved.

Designation of official newspaper – Official newspaper is the NJ Herald

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2023. Motion to accept minutes by Patty and seconded by Cyndy.

ACTIVITY UPDATE:

Tree Lighting – very successful and there were a lot of great comments. There were some concerns regarding the bounce house and the rain but the contractor assured us that there was no danger. There was a tremendous amount of helpful parents and the pizza sales were high. Tree Lighting can begin at 4pm instead of 3:30pm with the actual lighting at 4:40pm. We do need to figure out the water for the hot chocolate. Tre looked wonderful, DPW did a great job.

Gingerbread Bags – They were passed out at the Tree Lighting. There are families from out of town that attend Green Hills School so even though they are from out of town they are considered residents for the Gingerbread bags. Any leftover bags will be donated to the Seniors.

Home Decorating Contest – Homes were beautiful. It would be nice to get more homes on the list. Cyndy suggested we accept nominations for homes next year.

Letters to Santa – Kim thinks there were 37 letters this year. Each year the number increases so we need to come up with a more efficient system. Colleen will create a template to use this coming year. Patty suggested a family letter instead of individual letters for each kid. Colleen also suggested we each create 2 or 3 templates for this coming year and work off those.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kim went over the Bicentennial events and the dates for those events. Colleen is disappointed in the Bicentennial events since the Recreation Committee had been imagining a large, souped-up Green Township Day. Colleen also asked about a proclamation regarding the charter date for Green.

Easter Event – March 24th - After a long discussion about how to handle the early Egg Hunt date and the weather, the Rec Committee would like to hold a Bicentennial scavenger hunt in conjunction with the Egg Hunt. Clues would be released via social media throughout the month of March. Patty will order the stuffed animals and Colleen will get the chocolate for prizes. We will have the hunt and have the children only search for the word spring.

Spring Yard Sale – May 4 – The Rec Committee will reach out to the Churches to see if they would like to hold yard sales in their parking lots.

Miss Green – Miss Green will be paired with Green Township Day on June 1st this year due to the Bicentennial.

Green Township Day – June 1st – Colleen will reach out to Chef's, the 6th grade for drinks and someone to run the carnival tent. Patty will reach out to Melissa from Cliff's about the ice cream. Colleen will also check with the girl scouts and Kim will take care of the boy scouts for the flag raising. Kim will take care of tables, tents, bounce houses and chairs and Dave Miller. Colleen will look into a photo booth as well. A stage was suggested to not only hold Miss Green but use it for other smaller programs. Former Miss Greens will be contacted for an invitation to return to this year's contest. Brad Jones will be asked to spearhead this event. The Rec Committee will send out the invitation and Brad will do the follow up if he agrees. Patty suggested having former Miss Green's that no longer reside in Green to be the judges.

Halloween Event – The Rec Committee would like to hold a movie event providing the movie equipment is in. One for children and one for adults.

Gingerbread in a Bag – This will be discussed as the event gets closer.

Holiday Tree Lighting – December 1st. This will be discussed as the event gets closer.

Letters to Santa - This will be discussed as the event gets closer.

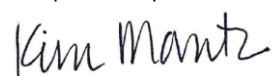
Holiday Home Decorating Contest – December 10th. This will be discussed as the event gets closer.

Bus Trip – Patty is working with Fausto and the Seniors on finding the best venue and the bus.

MATTERS FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Mantz
Recreation Secretary

Date approved: 2.20.24