

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular/Reorganization Meeting
January 21, 2025

The Recreation Advisory Committee held a regular/reorganization meeting on January 21, 2025 at 7:03pm

REORGANIZATION:

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

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

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

Meeting dates for 2024 – The meeting dates were reviewed. The November date of the 18th was moved to the 10th due to The League of Municipalities Conference and Veteran’s Day. The December 16th date was moved to December 9th due to the 16th being close to Christmas. The meeting dates were approved.

Designation of official newspaper – Official newspaper is the NJ Herald where notices are published. Notices are also transmitted to the Star Ledger.

Members Present: Patty DeClesis, Cyndy Devesly, Mike Gaskill, Colleen McLean

Also in attendance: Kim Mantz, Recreation Secretary

Absent members: Yvonne Hernandez, Bob Olivier

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2024. Motion to accept minutes by Cyndy and seconded by Patty.

ACTIVITY UPDATE:

Tree Lighting – Went well. Although the students were trying to help, it was a bit chaotic with so many of them in the pavilion. Next year there will be a sign-up sheet and only a certain number of students will be a each job, some will help with the pizza, some with Santa and some with the crafts. Only the 8th grade will be allowed to participate and the 7th grade will sing carols and help if needed. There will not be a bounce house next year as it gets too dark and is expensive. The Committee is requesting that DPW put the lights in the pavilion and the tree lights on different outlets so the pavilion lights can be on when people are arriving. The Committee would like to coordinate with “Christmas Lane” next year to encourage the residents to go there after the Tree Lighting.

Gingerbread Bags – Bag stuffing with students went perfectly, they had it done in about 30 minutes. They all helped clean up and brought the bags to the cars for the Tree Lighting. This will be done again next year.

Home Decorating Contest – Small number of houses registered. The 3 top houses were announced and “Christmas Lane” was also recognized.

Letters to Santa – This went well this year with students from Green Hills helping with this program. This program will begin on November 10th next year to make sure all the letters arrive on time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Easter Event – Mike Gaskill will Chair the Egg Hunt on April 13th with help from the Committee. The Program will be held at 2:00pm.

Spring Yard Sale – May 3 – A suggestion was made to allow people to set up tables at Town Hall as part of the Community Yard Sale in order to give people that may not be easily accessible to have an option to participate.

Miss Green – This even will be held in conjunction with Green Township Day on June 7th at 2:00pm

Green Township Day – June 7th

Movie in the Park – The Committee discussed Movie in the Park versus a Drive in Movie at Trica Airport. Cyndy suggested at least one of the movies be geared towards the “tween” age group, so they have something to watch also. Having outdoor movies may be an issue for the littles over the summer due to the late hours needed to watch.

Halloween Event – The Committee discussed holding a Movie in the Park event in October for Halloween.

Gingerbread in a Bag – This program will begin on December 7th at the Tree Lighting where bags will be handed out.

Holiday Tree Lighting – December 7th

Letters to Santa – Begins November 10th this year

Holiday Home Decorating Contest – Judging will be held on December 9th at 7:00pm.

Bus Trip – Patty believes the bus trip will be in the fall rather than winter this year. Rec pays for the bus and the residents/seniors pay for themselves.

Green Township Day was not discussed in detail and was tabled for the next meeting.

The 4-H ski program information will be forwarded to the school as this is more of a school event than a rec event.

MATTERS FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Patty spoke about the State Recreation Grant due in two weeks. It was suggested that the grant money, if received, be used to resurface the pavement for the walking trail around the fields at EverGreen Park. The Committee agreed this was a good idea and Patty will let the Township Committee know.

Patty suggested having Snake Oil Willie to perform in the park for a summer event.

Cyndy will look into the Music Union to see if there are any members in our area that may be able to play over the summer in the park.

Patty also spoke about the coaching clinic for tennis and pickleball but the Committee wasn't sure if that was something they are responsible for and it may need to go to the Township Committee.

Kim will do a flyer for all upcoming events for the year so it can be distributed.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Mantz

Recreation Secretary

Date approved: 2.18.25