

**Borough of Park Ridge
Recreation and Cultural Committee
Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024**

Attendance: Laurie Wharton, Rosemary Happ, Lyn Beer, Rob Nicolich, Bob Fornatale, Paul Scarduffa, Paul Wharton, Kelly Epstein, Dean Scaduto, Michael Raia, Austin Baxter, Maureen Howell, Carolee Chirico, Greg Hoffman – Council Liaison, Liz Falkenstern – Recreation Director
Meeting was called to Order: Motion from Mike R, and Rob N. 2nd (7:33PM)

PRIOR MINUTES: Review of Previous Minutes discussed and approved: Lynn B. Motioned, Maureen H. 2nd

OLD BUSINESS: CONCERT WRAP UP – Bands were good, need to revisit the Lehman Gardens location for one concert next year.

FIREWORKS – overall went well and well attended.

Vianna M. sang the National Anthem and the music by the Big Ones was great.

SEPTEMBER 11th CEREMONY – Need to get speaker stands, otherwise sound and microphones were good.

OKTOBERFEST – Food donations need to be finalized, pricing for wristbands \$30, \$8 per beer, Lawn signs were distributed around town, need garbage cans, rack truck, tents (3) for grilling area, IC truck from 4-6, need volunteers to set up at 2PM.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE – Flyers went out, October 5th set up a tent at train station. Money is earmarked for the symphony concert orchestra next year.

RAGAMUFFIN PARADE – 3 flavors of donuts (apple cider plain, cinnamon and powdered) Liz F reported that Light Bridge Academy in Montvale will donate apple cider and cups.

NEW BUSINESS: WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – starting soon 8-10pm Mondays

MEN'S BASKETBALL – Liz F reported this is on hold until gym is ready from construction as per Sue M. on BOE office

STUDENT LIASON TO THE REC COMMITTEE – Liz F asked committee about having Vianna M. as a student liaison and it was unanimously approved. Liz F. will reach out to Mayor to appoint her.

PLEASE NOTE. THE REMAINING RECREATION MEETINGS are October 21, November 25 and December 16. We will finalize the January holiday party date at the October meeting.

Motion to Close the meeting – Laurie Wharton. 2nd Mike R. 8:24 Pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly Epstein, Secretary