

Borough of Park Ridge
Recreation and Cultural Committee
Meeting Minutes – 1/23/2023

Attendance: The following were present at this meeting: Marissa Eckback, Rob Nicholich, Mike Raia, Doug Salvi, Bob Fornatale, Rosemary Happ, Carolee Chirico, Jason Roth, Laurie Wharton, Lori Bettini, Paul Wharton, Kelly Epstein, Liz Falkenstern and Council Liaison Greg Hoffman

Review of Previous Minutes: The meeting began at 7:33PM and the Minutes of the previous 12/19/2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion from Doug S. and seconded by Mike R.

REORGANIZATION MEETING BUSINESS:

Nomination of 2023 Officers

1. **Chairman – Nomination made by Mike R. for Paul W. second Doug S. No other nominations. Vote unanimous for Paul Wharton, Chairman**
2. **Vice Chair – Nomination made by Laurie W. for Mike R., Second by Carolee C. No other nominations. Vote unanimous for Mike Raia, Vice Chairman**
3. **Treasurer – Nomination made by Mike R. for Paul S. second by Doug S. No other nominations. Vote unanimous for Paul Scarduffa Treasurer**
4. **Secretary – Nomination made by Mike R., Second Carolee C. No other nominations. Vote unanimous for Kelly Epstein for Secretary.**

Old Business

Holiday Party 2022-The rescheduled date is Tuesday, 2/7/23 from 5:30-8PM. RSVP to Liz F.

New Business

Calendar of Events 2023 Discussion: All event calendar dates will be finalized at February meeting. New Dog Costume Parade (“2023 Recreation Howlaween Pawty”) proposed by Liz F. and agreed for the week before Ragamuffin on 10/21 time is 2-330 pm (tentatively)at the pool parking lot. Recreation is trying to secure sponsors. Fireworks discussion tabled by Paul W. for looking into possible dates besides 9/2/23.

Summer Concert Series-The discussion related to: one month or two months long? Paul W. – August weak month July is better; Carolee – July August split? Paul S – Last day June through July?_Motion made by Doug S. to make last Thursday in June through 4 weeks in July as concert dates and was seconded by Carolee C. (unanimous.) Concert Venue Change discussion – Veteran’s Park Gazebo by train station or Davies Memorial pavilion behind borough hall? Train Station – pros middle of town, people come as they walk- Cons – train noise, parking, some bands do not like it, Behind Borough Hall – bands like it, rain or shine, more room, parking and cons – can’t see the location, less people come in...Paul W. asked to table venue location discussion to February Meeting.

Oktoberfest -September 30, 2023 w/Elks Motion to accept-Mike R. Second -Carolee C.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Community Center.

Agenda to include:

- Annual Egg Hunt- sponsors, community help
- Car Show
- Town Picnic Sponsor forms for profit and non profit organizations, live music or DJ?
- Summer Concert location and North Jersey Concert Band-date and location
- Fireworks Final Date
- Oktoberfest-need sub-committee
- Possible Dine around Park Ridge outdoor event(s)

A Motion was made by Jason R. and seconded by Mike R. to close the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Epstein, Secretary (re-typed by Liz F in case of typos)

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