

Borough of Park Ridge
Recreation and Cultural Committee
Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023

Attendance: The following were present at this meeting: Marissa Eckback, Rob Nicholich, Mike Raia, Doug Salvi, Bob Fornatale, Rosemary Happ, Carolee Chirico, Laurie Wharton, Paul Wharton, Bob La Rubbio, Paul Scarduffa, Maureen Howell, Austin Baxter (prospective member), Liz Falkenstern and Council Liaison Greg Hoffman

Review of Previous Minutes: The meeting began at 7:30 PM by a motion made by Mike R. and seconded by Doug S. The Minutes of the previous January 23rd meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion from Rob N. and seconded by Laurie W.

Old Business

The Recreation Holiday Party was a fun time for all! Thank you again to our members for all you do for Park Ridge!

The 2023 Fireworks Show/Concert was discussed and it was decided to have the Fireworks/Concert event on Labor Day Weekend-Sat, 9/7 and rain date is 9/8. It was also decided to hire the North Jersey Concert Band to play at the event. More info about this at next meeting.

New Business

Austin Baxter, neighbor of Bob Fornatale attended the meeting as a possible prospective member. (We hope he joins!)

Annual Egg Hunt-We discussed using our community helpers and Liz F. will ask the Boy Scouts for up to 6 volunteers. They can help set up the field and spread the candy. Set up will be at 9 am. We will need trailer with cones, no truck for event. We will use our tables, sound system and candy, toys etc. were ordered. We need to buy more caution tape for Egg Hunt and future events.

Car Show- Car Show Registration form and flyer are on the Borough website. Chairperson, Ira R. Has hot dog and hamburger food trucks coming and Marc's will also sell pizza, water, coffee, bagels and muffins for breakfast. We will also have ice/ice cream. We will need all members to help early at this event! Ira will give more details when he attends the next meeting in March.

Town Picnic- discussion ensued and we will use same sponsorship criteria from last year's Picnic We will also charge non-profits 15.00 for our table and chair rental costs. We discussed and decided to have live music/announcements at Picnic and Liz will reach out to The Big Ones to see if they are available that day.

The Oktoberfest sub-committee discussion and Dine Around Park Ridge and Dog Howlaween Parade/ Party outdoor event discussions have been tabled for a future meeting.

Summer Concerts- it was discussed and decided to have all 2023 Summer Concerts at covered field at Memorial Field. Final concert flyer will be ready at March meeting. Thank you to Carolee C. for your generosity in being a sponsor again too!

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 20th at 7:30 pm in the Community Center. Agenda to include:

- Annual Egg Hunt Final preparation
- Recreation/TGA programs
- Car Show- Ira will let us know what is needed
- Town Picnic
- Summer Day Camp

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Falkenstern
Park Ridge Recreation and Cultural Committee