

Borough of Park Ridge
Minutes of the Recreation and Cultural Committee

August 16, 2021- 7:30 PM

Present at Meeting:

Marissa Ekback, Tom Hoskins, Michael Raia, Rob Nicolich, Paul Scarduffa, Carolee Chirico, Paul Wharton, Laurie Wharton, Liz Falkenstern

Review of Previous Minutes:

The meeting began at 7:32 pm by motion of Michael R. and seconded by Rob N. and the Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion from Rob N. and seconded by Tom H.

Old Business:

Summer Day Camp and extended Recreation TGA camp went well.

New Business:

Recreation TGA camp will be running through 3rd week of August at Memorial Field and the kids love it.

Upcoming Recreation programs include: Golf and Tennis at EB and WR Schools, Men's Basketball (mini gym) & Women's Volleyball (EB), They should all start in October.

Shed Cleanout- Paul W. is going to try for 8/21 or we need to set a date soon.

Our Recreation Summer Concert Series sponsored by Carolee Chirico are still going every Thursday night through week before Labor Day. They have been enjoyed by all as well as our Summer local food business discount program. Michael R. Suggested we try to do a "sock hop" night next year too.

Recreation Fireworks are on 9/4. Music starts at 7 and Fireworks go off after 8 pm with DJ playing patriotic music. We have the generator lights to borrow from the town and the field lights will be scheduled at proper times by Chris Brown. The band will sell glow sticks for a fundraiser. Uncle Louie G will sell ice. We asked people to bring blankets to sit on and no chairs. The Triboro Ambulance Corp and Rotary may set up recruitment tables. We will give out small Recreation Labor Day weekend footballs

2021 Oktoberfest with the Elks is scheduled for Saturday, 10/2. Meetings will start for this event at the Elks. Liz F will be sending out fundraising letters to help pay for this event. Carolee C. offered to sponsor Colors the Clown making balloon animals.

Ragamuffin date was changed to 10/23 and we want to order less cider and same number of donuts. We will discuss this further at next meeting.

There was a discussion of putting an inflatable screen next year in our budget as a possible capital expense.

Agenda and Time of the Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, 9/20 at 7:30 pm in the Community Center.

Agenda to include: Oktoberfest on 10/2 and we need help, Town-wide Garage sale on 10/16, Ragamuffin Parade on 10/23, New TGA golf, tennis and preschool programs starting in October, men's basketball and women's volleyball starting in October, wrap-up-fireworks and concerts, possible winter dance lessons program to be introduced by Bob L., our holiday party and anything else!

A motion was made by Tom H. and seconded by Michael R. to close meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz 😊

Liz Falkenstern for Maureen Howell