

Borough of Park Ridge
Minutes of the Recreation and Cultural Committee
September 20, 2021

Present at meeting:

Liz Falkenstern, Paul Wharton, Laurie Wharton, Doug Salvi, Rob Nicolich, Regina Deutch, Michael Raia, Jason Roth, Bob Larubbio, Kelly Epstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm, (motion made by Rob N. seconded by Jason R.) Approval of August Minutes: (motion was made by Michael R. and seconded by Jason R.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Summer Concerts: The concerts were good and well received. The location for the concerts was both gazebo and or pavilion. There was a recommendation to have all future concerts at the pavilion only. This suggestion was tabled for further discussion. There was a discussion about whether to have 1 month of concerts instead of 2 months. A nonbinding vote was taken by those present and was unanimously a yes vote for 1 month of concerts. We will revisit this at a future meeting.

Fireworks: This was fun and a well-attended event. Our ice cream vendor, Uncle Louie G's, was also pleased with the turnout and the DJ music was good. It was noted that the Fireworks vendor left some debris around that we cleaned up, and Sulak field was still super saturated and had some damage from a recent storm. Liz F. will discuss with vendor. The BOE is returning our 500.00 field deposit check.

Shed cleanout: The cleanout was postponed and will take place this Saturday at 9/25 at 10:00am. We will need about 6 people. It should take about 2 hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oktoberfest: There has been weekly meetings with the Elks. Everything seems to be running smoothly. Mike R. ordered from Thumann's (knockwurst, bratwurst, sauerkraut) and he ordered rolls from Rockland Bakery. Liz F reported that 100 lbs. of German potato salad were donated by Shop Rite of Hillsdale.

B&M Market of Park Ridge is donating 200 hot dogs and rolls and condiments. Lidl has donated pretzels as per Mike R. Liz F. is also trying to get additional sponsors. Carolee C. is donating face painting by Colors the Clown for the children. There will be lawn games, cornhole, and giant Jenga, DJ music and dancing too. The DJ will organize some musical games for the kids as well.

Elks are controlling the beer sales and will get Social Affair permit for outside event. here will be 4 types of beer. 16 oz. will be \$4-\$5. Purchase of a 22 oz commemorative mug for \$4 will be available for refills.

We are handling the cooking of the food. We need to use three 40 ft tents. Rain date is 10/3. We need volunteers for this event 1-6 pm. Set up at 9:30 am.

Ragamuffin parade is Saturday, 10/23/21 12 pm-1:30pm Meet at Depot square and the parade will be led by the High school Marching Band. The children will march around the HS track and receive prefilled trick /treat bags. We will stuff bags for our Ragamuffin Parade at our next meeting on 10/18.

There was a discussion about possible dance lessons with Fred Astaire Studio- This event was brought up and discussed by Bob L. and more discussion is needed and will be tabled for a future meeting.

Holiday party will be Jan 9, 2022 at the Village Grill from 1-4 pm.

A motion was made by Jason R. and seconded by Rob N. to close meeting at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Howell, Secretary