

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

PRESENT: Ian Harris, Dana Mayclim

ZOOM: Jennifer Castelhana, Daniela Goldman, Barbara Granata,  
Michael Harris, Meg Kaplan, Melissa LeSavage, Bill  
Pink

ABSENT: Jennifer Cayea, Peter Cipriano, Rich Ellrodt

GUEST: Jordan Moody, Howlers Coach

Meeting started at 7:30PM at the Lewisboro Parks and Recreation Department Office located in the Onatru Farm Park Main House and by Zoom.

**I. Minutes**

Motion made by Ian Harris, seconded by Melissa LeSavage to accept the minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Council meetings.

**II. Public Comment - none**

**III. New Business**

Basketball Season 2021/2022 - This is the second winter of COVID restrictions and the department is waiting to hear from the School Board for use of the school gyms for our basketball program. If we do not get use of the schools this season, the

program will be condensed using only Lewisboro Recreation Gym.

We will see what we can work out for the travel teams. The Howlers travel team currently has six teams after tryouts. There are no conflicts during the months of October and November and part of December. The travel program would like to waive the restriction of requiring 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to play recreation basketball but we would like to continue to have grades 3-6 play recreation basketball.

Jordan Moody stated that approximately 10 parents of the Howlers have questioned recreation play. These 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents feel it is too much especially since many will try out for modified basketball too. Jordan would like to leave it as an option for them to join recreation basketball.

Daniela Goldman also feels it is too much for children to join all these different basketball programs.

The school is running their basketball programs this season.

If the school does not permit the Recreation Department to use the schools, then the Howlers may have to find another location for games and practices or have limited use at Lewisboro Elementary. Grace Farms is not an option for any of our programs.

Resolution was made by Ian Harris stating that Howlers Grades 7 and 8 would not be required to play Recreation Basketball. All members were in favor.

Budget 2022 - Dana presented her 2022 budget to Peter Parsons and Leo Masterson. Some of the items discussed were fireworks, repainting the basketball courts at Town Park, entry level parks employee replacing the previous Parks employee, recreation professional to replace Reed's position and an increase in funds for use of Lewisboro Elementary.

There are still some remaining projects to be completed from previous funding:

Fox Valley - backstops, playground, upgrade well, compost toilets.

Town Park - playground, nature trail, ballfield.

Onatru Park - playground and backstops.

Update on Parks and Recreation Staff - Both positions are still open and the parks worker will be replaced this year and Reed's position will be replaced in the new year.

Town Park Baseball Field Upgrades - The LBA has received a \$100,000 donation. With these funds, the LBA will fix the dugouts (floor, siding and roof), padding on benches, new signage for donations which will go through ACARC first, batting cages and a sound system. The retaining wall with concrete blocks is not very attractive. Discussion to dress up the area

followed.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Lewisboro Playground Committee - Chris Burdick met with the committee and he said that if the committee raised \$100,000, the he would get a donation to help fund the playground. In October, the committee will be having a car show, Oktoberfest, Portraits in the Park. Currently they have raised \$85,000.

Town Park Tennis Courts - A resident in Town would like to move the platform tennis courts to the Town Park. The Town would like the Advisory Council members to form a three person sub-committee to come up with 3-5 ideas as to what they would like to see happen to the courts.

Preserve Update - all is status quo.

#### **V. Superintendent's Report**

The fall program brochure has been delivered to residents and is on line as well.

Drool in the Pool had approximately 34 dogs participating.

New Neighbor Network will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Fox Valley Park from 2:00PM - 4:00PM.

Historical Tea Party will be held on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Onatru Farm.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> with a raindate of Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The department is still in need of trunks.

Wee Ski - The program is currently full with one bus for the High School program, two buses for the Middle School one for the Elementary School.

Flu shots will be given at Lewisboro Elementary.

The seniors had their first trip of the year to the Botannical Gardens and another one set for Kruckers.

**VI. Adjournment**

Motion made by Ian Harris, seconded by Barbara Granata to adjourn the meeting at 9:35PM. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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