

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

July 29, 2021

PRESENT: Jennifer Castelhana, Peter Cipriano, Daniela Goldman,
Tony Goncalves, Ian Harris, Melissa LeSauvage, Dana
Mayclim, Bill Pink

ABSENT: Jennifer Cayea, Rich Ellrodt, Barbara Granata, Michael
Harris, Meg Kaplan

Meeting started at 7:30PM at the Lewisboro Parks and Recreation
Department Office located in the Onatru Farm Park Main House and
was offered through zoom as well.

I. Minutes

Motion made by Ian Harris, seconded by Daniela Goldman to accept
the minutes of the May 27th Parks and Recreation Advisory Council
meeting.

II. New Business

Update on Parks and Recreation Department Staff - The Parks
Forman was not a good fit for the position. He did not have the
ability to handle the position. Randy Price has been helping
the department out part time to help run the pool efficiently.
Reed Pullem has given her two week notice and will leave the
department on the last day of camp which is Friday, August 13th.
She has been offered a job with a company doing internet cyber
security which was her major in college. We will be having a
going away party for Reed right before her last day. Dana will
be sitting with Peter Parsons, Leo Masterson and Tony Goncalves

to discuss what they will be doing with the two positions.

Basketball 2021/2022 - Dana has been in contact with the school to ask if we would be permitted in the gyms this upcoming season. The Recreation Department was not allowed in the schools this summer for our rainy day site. If we cannot use the school district gyms, we may be able to run a partial program at Lewisboro Elementary - kindergarten basketball, mini basketball along with a limited number of teams for grades 3/4 and grades 5/6. Dana will be sending an email to Andrew Selesnick to see what his thoughts are on this topic.

Town Park Tennis Courts - Peter Parsons is looking for viable options for the Town Park tennis courts. Maybe a sub-committee can be formed from the Advisory Council. Some thoughts were a dog park, outdoor skating rink, water slide into pool, field space or a lighted turf field. The area around the tennis courts needs to be cleaned up including weed whacking.

Two Advisory Council members have resigned - Peter DeVittorio and David Blank. No replacements are needed at this time as the board still has 11 active members.

III. Old Business

Playground Committee Update - The next fund raiser will be held on August 6th with their last food truck night. The Oktoberfest event will be held on Saturday, October 16th with a rain date of October 17th. The Oktoberfest will be held from 2:00PM till 7:00PM with Captain Lawrence, pumpkin patch and arts and crafts. The committee is also fundraising with Portraits in the Park in September and October as well as Buy a Brick for the walkway. The committee meets once a week and is currently looking to apply for grants.

Capital Improvements

Onatru Playground will start to be replaced the week after the Library Fair and should be completed in early October. The playground will include the following: shade towers, picnic table, ADA accessible table, merry-go-round, ADA compliant

swing, replacing monkey bars and bridge. Every platform needs to be replaced as the rubberized coating is cracking. We are keeping 80% of the playground.

Fox Valley driveway will be paved next month.

Town Park retaining wall work will start next Monday. Footings will be created, and concrete blocks will be placed and then dirt placed and seeded.

Preserves - Brownell has received a \$20,000 donation.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Adult softball is winding down. There were not any issues this season.

Swim team ends this week. The meets were all virtual this year.

Drool in the Pool will occur after the pool closes for the season.

Day Camp has one full day closure due to rain and 2 days with early dismissal due to rain.

Senior meetings are being held at the South Salem Fire House. The seniors will have their first trip in September to the Botanical Gardens and Arthur Avenue.

Motion made to go into executive session at 9:08PM.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by Ian Harris to adjourn the meeting at 9:50PM, seconded by Melissa LeSavage. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, September 30th at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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