

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 27, 2022**

PRESENT: Valerie Cancro, Jennifer Castelhana, Nicole Caviola,  
Melissa LeSauvage

ABSENT: Bill Pink, Rich Ellrodt

ZOOM: Jennifer Cayea, Peter Cipriano, Daniela Goldman, Ian  
Harris, Meg Kaplan, Mary Shah

GUEST: Valerie Monastra, Comprehensive Plan

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

**I. Minutes**

Motion made by Ian Harris, seconded by Jennifer Castelhana to  
accept the minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and September 29<sup>th</sup>,  
2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Council meeting.

**II. Public Comment - None**

**III. New Business**

Comprehensive Plan - Valerie Monastra, Guest Speaker - This  
committee has been authorized to listen to goals, objectives and  
get recommendations for the growth of the Town. They will  
gather existing conditions of areas in Town and report what  
information is available. The first public meeting will be in  
January 2023 with a workshop in each hamlet. They would like  
anyone to report concerns with programs, space and facilities.  
The Steering Committee has asked to meet with the school  
district and do an inventory of Parks and Recreation fields,  
facilities and some programs.

Recreation Basketball Program - A 5/6 girls Howlers program has

been added and many of the girls did not want to sign up for recreation basketball. They were all told that it is a requirement for them to register.

The overall number of registrants for recreation basketball has been diminishing over the years:

2017 - 453 enrolled  
2018 - 465 enrolled  
2019 - 468 enrolled  
2021 - 296 enrolled  
2022 - 281 enrolled

Food Drive - The Park and Recreation Department will hold a food drive on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Town Park.

Fox Valley Playground - A grant was being advertised by Game Time for \$30,000. Once awarded you would have to order by October 31<sup>st</sup> and receive the equipment by December 31<sup>st</sup>. This playground would need a 35' x 50' area and would be for children ages 2-12.

Tree lighting/Menorah lighting - The tree will be planted approximately around November 7<sup>th</sup>. The tree lighting usually took place the first Monday in December. This year Hannukah takes place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. PRAC suggested we take a poll on Facebook to see if these events should be combined or kept separate.

First Day Event - An email will be sent to all participants in the past to see what their thoughts would be on having First Day again this year.

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

Lewisboro Playground Committee - Portraits in the park were held on September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> - 21 mini sessions. The playground was delivered on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> where it will be under surveillance. A timelapse camera will be placed near the pavilion. The old playground equipment is gone and on October 25<sup>th</sup> there was a ground breaking ceremony. The playground should be completed in the spring - June 2023. The brick buying will be open until December.

#### **V. Recreation Supervisor's Report**

Trunk or Treat - We had approximately 200 plus individuals attend with 14 trunks, 2 bounce houses, arts and crafts and a DJ.

OSPAC - At their last meeting, the historic signs were discussed. They are looking for ideas to construct these. They are also looking for volunteers, looking to put a kiosk at Old Field and are working on the pocket park in Goldens Bridge.

A few park improvements made recently: the backstop on Field 1 at Onatru Farm Park was replaced as well as 2 sheds at Onatru.

The pillar at the entrance of Onatru has been knocked over and needs replacement.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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