

**NOTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MARCH 30, 2023**

PRESENT: Nicholas Baran, Valerie Cancro, Jennifer Castelhana,  
Peter Cipriano, Richard Ellrodt, Ian Harris, Timi  
Parsons, Nicole Caviola

ZOOM: Jennifer Cayea, Daniela Goldman, Meg Kaplan, Mary Shah

ABSENT: Melissa LeSavage

GUESTS: Tyler Sayre, Jordan Moody

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 Rich Ellrodt to accept  
the minutes of the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Council meeting as amended.

**II. New Business**

Introduction of new members - Nicholas Baran and Timi Parsons

Guests - Tyler Sayre and Jordan Moody, Directors and Coaches of  
Howlers basketball. They presented an overview of the program.  
They felt during the winter basketball season they were  
overwhelmed with working at the school and the recreation  
department. They will not be coaching for the Howlers during  
the spring program. There is a need for more parent volunteers  
to assist with the Park and Recreation basketball program  
instead of many high school volunteers. A suggestion was  
brought up to have pre-requisite to train anyone who wanted to

be a coach for youth basketball. This would be a drills and skills clinic prior to the season starting. In the future, Park and Recreation will cross reference Howlers games with their own so that players will be able to attend both games.

Pool Memberships for Veterans and Active Duty Military - John Lemke presented this to Nicole after the Town of Bedford passed a resolution permitting active duty military to receive free pool memberships. The Advisory Council discussed this and were in favor of active duty military, disabled veterans and goldstar families to receive a free pool or tennis membership while non active duty military receive 25% off.

### **III. Old Business**

Lewisboro Playground Committee - On April 13<sup>th</sup> the plaques will be installed. Portraits in the park will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to the grand opening on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Park Upgrades - The Fox Valley playground has been installed. We are currently waiting for the chips to be delivered. Nicole has asked for a couple of benches to be placed near the playground and a fence to be installed to separate the area from the field.

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

Platform Tennis Courts - The school wants to demolish the courts saying they are not compliant or safe. They would also like the Town to pay half of the cost to demolish. The Town has asked to see the report on the courts which say they are unusable. When the Town finally saw the report, it stated somewhat minor repairs - fix the handrail, repair a step, fix door on electrical panel and door to heaters which appear to be items that are fixable. The deed is to be renewed every 5 years automatically and once it has been renewed there can be no changes. PRAC would like to see the deed.

Town Park baseball field has been resodded and looks beautiful.

The Spring Summer Program brochure has been mailed out to residents. Registration for spring programs began on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Camp registration for Main Event and Little Explorers will begin

on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Nicole is working on the following: Food Truck Fridays, Fireworks, Juneteenth, Pride, Concert in the Park as well as a movie in the park.

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.