

**Midland Park Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2021**

Attendance:

Recreation Board Members: John Torry, Laurie Ten Kate, Kathleen Chirkis, Faith Douma, AJ Detrick, Fusun Garrett, Alyssa Leegwater

Recreation Dept. Coordinator: Kathy LaMonte

Town Council Liaison: Lorenzo Damiano

Call to order: John Torry called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of April 2021 Minutes: Motion to approve by Laurie TenKate and seconded by Faith Douma

Correspondence: None

Sports Liaisons:

Baseball– Travel and rec have started

Softball-Rec going strong, ChallengeU started. Travel are finished for 10u, 12u, 14u. Discussions with the high school to split the cost of a pitching machine to share between the high school program and town program. Softball tournament will be held 6/11-6/13.

Football/Cheer – None

Soccer – Fall registration for rec, travel and AJAX will be going out this week.

Basketball- None

Recreation Dept. Coordinator's Report: There have been 65 registrations for Rec Camp so far. This year there will be an abbreviated Rec Camp, with shorter hours and Covid precautions in line with the relevant health guidance during the summer. May 22 will be beautification Day. May 29 will be the Memorial Day Parade. September 18 will be the yard sale. October 2 will be Community Day.

Open to public comments or questions:

- Public question about why the trees were cut down on Woodside Ave.
 - This question should be brought up to the council.

- Public question about whether the BOR could put events/dates on a Recreation Facebook page
 - Yes, this is a good idea and should be an effective way to communicate with the community.
- Public question on whether there could be a Porta John on Sunset.
 - This will be looked into since it is school property.
- Public question about the possibility of starting a kickball or cornhole league.
 - BOR members stated that that was a good idea but needs to be looked into so it doesn't interfere with fundraisers from other organizations.
- Public question about whether there would be batting cages on Vets Field.
 - BOR members mentioned that it was being looked into as it involves relocating the bleachers.
- Public comment about leveling the batting cages.
- Public comment about having a Hot Air Balloon on Community Day
- Public question about the Woodside property – whether there will be further development and if the current fencing will be left open.
 - BOR members stated they would have to follow up to be certain, but they believe both of those things (closed fencing and no development) were stipulations tied to the gift of the land.
 - The RDC noted that the snack bar will not be open this year, but that traditionally it has been a shared responsibility of the baseball and softball organizations, with minor assistance from the Recreation Department.
- Public question and comment about which fields are the responsibility of the BOR.
 - BOR members noted that the junior/snack bar field and Vander Meer field are the two which are town owned.

The next Board of Recreation meeting is planned for 7pm Monday June 7th, at the Dairy St. pavilion.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by John Torry seconded by Laurie Ten Kate. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.