

Midland Park Board of Recreation Meeting Minutes – October 4th 2021

Attendance:

Recreation Board Members: John Torry, Kathleen Chirkis, Faith Douma, , Fusun Garrett, Alissa Leegwater; Tim Kologrivov

Recreation Dept. Coordinator: Kathy LaMonte

Call to order: John Torry called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of September 2021 Minutes: Motion to approve by Kathleen Chirkis and seconded by Faith Douma .

Correspondence: Kathy received an email after Midland Park Community day from Jolly Trolly in regards to how happy he was with participating at community day and he would like to come back for future events.

Sports Liaisons:

Baseball– fundraising for Ripken

Softball- nothing to report

Football/Cheer – program doing well. Looking into doing a Raffle fundraiser. The backordered helmets will be in this week.

Soccer – Benefit golf outing at Black Bear on October 25th in the works. Kathy discussed continued issues with parking during soccer pick up/drop off as people continue to move the barricade and drive into the Barn parking lot. This is a safety concern with all of the kids that are moving around especially as it gets darker. Kathy has addressed this with Mike Kenney, but it continues to happen.

Basketball- registration open this week

Wrestling- registration open this week

Recreation Dept. Coordinator's Report:

2021 Community Day- nice weather, good turnout.

- The date for 2022 Community Day is set for 10/1/2022
 - Biergarten friend of the library will be taking this over in the tennis courts
 - Food trucks, Kathleen Chirkis will be looking into food truck options for 2022. Looking to have 2-3 food trucks.

- Looking for other activities/games for both kids and adults to add and possibly a night activity like movie night
- Location is being discussed; it is being considered to bring it back to Vander Meer field.

Tree lightening- December 3rd rain or shine

- Planning is underway: Heated Tent, popcorn, tattoos, goodie bags, possible reindeer, Highland School band to play.
- It was brought up that there is a conflict with a Godwin School holiday event that is being held at Highland School on 12/3/2021 from 6:30-8:30. Fusun Garrett will be reaching to the school to confirm.

Veterans day Celebration: Working on taking over the Veterans Day planning from the Council, more details to follow.

Town Council Report: no update

Board of Education: no update

New Business: none

Open to public comments or questions:

Public comment and discussion about addressing the school fields. There is a newly constructed group that is in the investigatory stages of gathering information into the viability of addressing the school fields to either sod them or redo with grass. Early stages of the process, more information to follow in future meeting.

The next Board of Recreation meeting is planned for Monday November 1st at 7:30 at the Barn (De. Phillips Center).

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by John Torry seconded by Fusun Garrett Meeting adjourned at 8:36.