



RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA/ MINUTES

Thursday, August 4, 2022 – 8AM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order **8:00 AM**

2. Roll Call

Bobby Brown, Committee Chair
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Peter Travers, Director of Recreation & Cultural Affairs
Sara Keffer, Recreation Leader/ Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **8:05 AM**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS **8:05 AM**

Dan Peterson - Inquired about a skatepark in town.
Byrce Peterson - Inquired about a skatepark in town.
Aaron Moloney - Inquired about a skatepark in town.

5. REPORTS **8:20 AM**

1. Recreation - Director Travers

A. Program Update

- a. Active Older Adult Programming - The fall programs are now available on our catalog for registration.
- b. Pool Programming - Swim Team season is over. We came in second in our division. Private lessons are going over well and this year we connected the parents with the scheduler. Adult Swim Night is on August 19 from 5 - 8pm. It will be for all members and members can bring a guest for \$5.
- c. Fall Programming - The Flag Football schedule is in the works. There is a new art teacher who is offering multiple art classes for youth to seniors. Fall soccer registration is open until tomorrow. There is still a need for coach volunteers in order to have a successful program.

2. Cultural Arts and Events Update - Director Travers

- a. Summer Concerts Recap - Our sponsor was very happy with the program and the concerts had very good turnouts. This year was the



first year in a long time we were able to run all four concerts without any rain cancellations.

- b. National Night Out Recap - This year the hours were extended but attendance was sparse until later. Director Travers suggested starting at 6pm. It was an overall great event.
- c. Summer Movies - The movies start next Wednesday, August 10. SOPAC is a co-sponsor of the program.
- d. Food Truck Festival - Director Travers and Sally Umsworth are working together on the event. Trustee Jones will reach out to Sally to ask about funding to cover the staffing and discuss staff availability for a weekend event with extended hours and suggest the event take place on a Friday. Director Travers will create a breakdown in staffing costs for a Saturday vs Friday date.
- e. South Orange Community Day - Trustee Jones said the date will be on Sunday, October 2, 2022. The organizations will receive a save-the-date invitation in advance. The Environmental Commission sent out an email to use reusable tablecloths and create a zero waste day at the event.

3. Facilities & Capital Projects

- A. Baird Update - There was an extensive meeting with the project managers and the architect. There are some concerns about the schedule of the construction to figure out solutions to create a more ideal timeline.
- B. Carter Park Update - The artist contacted the fabricators and they decided to not complete the sculpture. A new subcontractor is being researched to take on the project.
- C. Cameron Recreation Area - Director Travers inquired about any clarity on the direction the Recreation Committee wishes to take on the plans for the project. President Collum and Director Travers will connect to go over the plans. Trustee Jones suggested Director Travers also discuss the lighting plan with President Collum.
- D. Farrell Tennis Courts - The bids are out for the project. There will be a new sidewalk to the court entrance, a new fence, new surface and pickleball lines. The cost of supplies are expected to be higher than anticipated and the project may need to be put on hold.

6. OLD BUSINESS

8:45 AM

- 1. Parks Administration - This topic will be discussed at a later meeting date.
- 2. Memorial Donations - We are moving forward with the donations and everything is going well. Linda Beck sent out an email that other towns have programs where their donations created fundraising. Any donations will be



directed to the conservancies with the Township approval before installing a bench or planting a tree.

3. Arts and Cultural Events Committee - This topic will be discussed at a later meeting date.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9:15 AM

1. Waterlands Field Lights - Director Travers reported there has been a complaint that the lights are too bright and are being left on after 10pm. The lights are over 50 years old and probably not up to modern standards. Director Travers reported that there is a plan to replace the lights. Additionally the coaches are volunteers that all report they are turning the lights off on time. Director Travers will change the combination to cut down on access.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Friday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m. in-person

11. ADJOURNMENT

9:30 AM