



RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA/ MINUTES

Thursday, October 6, 2022 – 8:30 AM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order **8:32 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 **8:34 AM**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS **8:35 AM**

Susan Hyon - Inquired about building a hitting wall and for the Recreation Department to offer a tennis ball hitting machine for tennis users.

Ellaine Wynn - Inquired about the purchase of a tennis ball machine for public use.

5. REPORTS **8:50 AM**

1. Recreation - Director Travers

A. Program Update

- a. Active Older Adult Programming - The fall programming is now underway and going well. The plans for the winter session are in progress.
- b. Fall Programming - The programs are underway. Flag Football is wearing out New Waterlands plus a lot of rain these last few days have caused the Dept to close two of the fields. The partnership with Cougar soccer is going well.
- c. Winter Programming - The winter programs are being worked on with basketball and soccer being offered at the South Orange Middle School gym. There are plans for a volleyball program starting from 4th - 8th grade. Registration for that program may start in November to start in January.

2. Cultural Arts and Events Update - Director Travers



- a. Watershed Literary 9/18 - This program was well attended with roughly 30 - 40 people in attendance. They are excited to have the Baird open to offer the program in a larger space. The next program they are hoping to offer on December 8th.
- b. Community Day 10/2 - The weather did not cooperate and caused the event to move inside the Library. Despite the weather, the program was well attended.
- c. Firehouse Event 10/9 - From 1pm - 4pm there is a celebration of the South Orange Fire Department.
- d. Food Truck Festival 10/15 - Director Travers and Sally Unsworth are working together for the event.
- e. Cornhole Tournament 10/30 - The Recreation Dept in partnership with MPC are working together on this event. There are twelve spots left for teams of two.
- f. Veterans Day 11/11 - The Department is working with getting the Boy Scouts to do the Color Guard ceremony for the plaque.

3. Facilities & Capital Projects - Director Travers

- A. Baird Update - Speed is picking up on the project. PSE&G put the pole up and the transformer is expected to arrive next week. Director Travers expects that the Department will be moved in by quarter two of 2023.
- B. Carter Park Update - A 3D printing company was approached to make the sculpture. They are hoping the project will be completed in November.
- C. Cameron Recreation Area - The plans are scheduled for the next Trustee Meeting. The revised plans show new pickleball and paddle ball lines. Trustee Jones requested more lights around the pickleball courts.

6. OLD BUSINESS

9:10 AM

1. Parks Administration - This item will be discussed at the next session.
2. Arts and Cultural Events Committee - Trustee Jones is currently working on forming the committee.
3. Baird Membership and Program Pricing - The membership fee is increasing. The membership names will be Recreation All In and Recreation All Out. Director Travers will work on talking points to circulate to the Committee for review.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9:21 AM

1. Program Scholarships - Trustee Hilton requested to offer this program for the senior residents. Director Travers suggested changing the policy language



to make it more clear to the public and to use the Affordable Housing rules as a guide. Director Travers will research what the thresholds are and to decide which one to follow for the next meeting.

2. Budget 2023- Trustee Hilton requested that Director Travers send in the Capital Budget requests and to include what projects have been completed.
3. Village Code Updates- Trustee Jones wants the administration to look into updating the code.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 at 8:30 AM

11. ADJOURNMENT

9:52 AM