

Recreation Minutes

November 3 2022

Attendance: Ryan Blass, Andy Fox, Vanessa James, Chris Morris, Althea Sanders

Current programs and events:

-The Haunted Trail was a huge success with tons of positive feedback. Groups were split up to 15-20 people per, spaced out time wise, and with each having their own tour guide. Over 340 people walked the trail, along with actors and volunteers helping out to enhance the experience.

-Pitman Golf Day took place on Columbus Day (10/10). All of the available spots were filled, and money was raised for Hall of Fame scholarships. It was nice to have the event back at the Pitman Golf Course, and the feedback seemed to reflect that.

-The final session for Micro Mini Soccer took place this past Saturday (10/29). It finished with 85 kids, along with volunteers and coaches.

-Open Gym basketball will run for four weeks altogether, with the final night taking place on November 16. It will be open from 6-9:30 PM for boys and girls from 3rd-12th grades.

-Today, along with the Environmental Commission, a coir log project started at Betty Park on the apartment side of the lake (the other side). This will help to shore up the banks, along with putting up netting and fencing in the area.

Upcoming programs and events:

-Pickleball's fall session will end in two weeks. Although there are around 100 people registered, session numbers have been limited, in part to conflicting schedules. It has been nice to have the extra space at the high school gym. We will look at starting the program earlier next fall.

-Registrations are open for Travel Basketball. This is for 3rd-8th grade boys and girls. The plan is to have eight or nine travel teams this year. Evaluations will take place next week.

-A new in-house basketball program will take place this winter for 2nd-4th graders. Crispin Basketball will help run the program on Saturday mornings at the Middle School gym.

-An update on our Adopt a Park project- it was approved at the Council level. The solicitor will be looking over the form to see if anything needs to be added/adjusted. Right now, the pilot program for this is planned for January 1.

-This Saturday (11/5), the Pitman Police Department is having its annual Food Truck Event from 4-9 PM. Parks and Rec will be supplying the tables at Ballard Park.

-Allison Rue will be running an indoor field hockey program once a week for six weeks. The program will be available for 5-8th grade girls. There is not a set location at the time.

Next Meeting: Thursday December 1 at 6:30 at Borough Hall