

Recreation Minutes

February 4, 2021

Zoom Attendance: Ryan Blass, Laurie Boyle, Andy Fox, Vaneesa James, Jack Kostiuk, Tim McIlvaine, Chris Morris, Michael Razze, Althea Sanders, Andrea Whilden

Current programs and events:

-As mentioned in other recent month, there are not any winter program this year. However, there is some optimism about the Spring. In fact, information was just sent out about the hope of Middle School baseball in the Spring. Tryouts, practices, and games would be starting in April. Danny McAteer will be coaching the team this year, and Anthony DeMatteo will be the assistant coach.

Upcoming programs and events:

-Along with the Middle School baseball, T-ball is going to be run this year with a new format. Like fall soccer this past year, there will not be any practices. Games will be played on Saturday. To supplement that, we are looking at doing a video, instructional series on Wednesday nights. This will give the boys and girls some tips to help while being as safe as possible. Registration information will be available in the next week or two.

-Other big program for Parks and Rec is scheduled to return this year. It is Youth Week 2021, taking place from May 1-7. The schedule is as followed, with plans still in consideration for the open days:

Saturday 5/1 – Fishing Tournament (hosted by Pitman PD)

Sunday 5/2 – Youth Week Council (held at the Grove Auditorium)

Monday 5/3 – Movie Night (held at Sunset Auditorium)

Tuesday 5/4 and Wednesday 5/5 – Open

Thursday 5/6 – Track & Field (held at the High School Track)

Friday 5/7 – Middle School Dance (held at Sunset Auditorium) and Career Day

-The final part of the meeting was to discuss a proposal to add a wildflower garden at Alcyon Lake Park down where the volleyball court is located. Charlotte Ryan and Mike Granchi were on the Zoom call to discuss their ideas and thoughts. This area of ALP is underutilized, and this garden is being looked at as

an option to replace the volleyball area. Some of the topics brought up included the initial effort and money that would be needed for the project, what types of local plants/flowers would be planted, and whether this garden would lead to a possible revival of the old meadow that was at the park (or perhaps an extension of the meadow). The idea of the garden (or at least something to replace the volleyball area) gained some traction, and further discussion will take place during March's meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 4 at 6:30 via Zoom