

Recreation Minutes

March 3 2022

Attendance: Ryan Blass, Laurie Boyle, Jack Franchi, Andy Fox, Vanessa James, Jack Kostiuk, Tim McIlvaine, Chris Morris, Althea Sanders

Current programs and events:

-Youth basketball- the first and second grade 'Young Gunners' program finished up last Wednesday night (2/23). This is an open gym, free play session program that Andy ran with around 50 kids this year. Additionally, travel basketball will end this weekend (3/5). This was due to weather issues.

-Softball workouts for the high school girls team will end tonight at Walls. Earlier this week, the high school boys finished their baseball workouts. These workouts were to help the players get some early and extra reps in before official practices start (which is next week).

-As mentioned at our last meeting, an adult pickleball program takes place on Wednesday nights at the Pitman United Methodist Church. It is free to play and becoming very popular.

-Tee ball registrations are open and will be throughout March. Practices will be on Wednesday nights at the Summit/Mount Vernon fields, games on Saturday at Alcyon. There will be at least six teams this season, with the season starting sometime in April.

-A 'Spring cleanup' has taken place at all of the parks in town to ensure they are ready for the Spring season. This includes the softball and practice fields at Alcyon, which both got new dirt put in for the season. The Little League season is having its opening day April 9.

-We are hosting the Middle School baseball tryouts on March 19 at McBurney. The team will carry 15-16 players, playing 8-10 games against other middle school teams.

-New paneling is going up on the Senior league baseball field. It will also have a new logo, fresh paint, and new numbers so that it has a fresh look for the season.

-Signage at Glen Lake will go up tomorrow (3/4). This will help explain the buffer area (growth from the edge of the water) and other cleared areas (compared to others that might not be as cleared).

Upcoming programs and events:

-Flag football is returning for a second season at McBurney. The PAA runs this program, which will start in April. Last year, there were roughly 100 kids.

-Allison Rue and Tracey Pinque are running the field hockey program for 5-8th grade girls. This will start next week (3/9) at the Middle School gym for four weeks.

-Renovations of the tennis courts are, unfortunately, going back out to bid. An amended proposal will be made with information on what needs to be done, which will then go out to the engineers.

-Lastly, Ben Horner, a member of Youth Council, was in attendance tonight representing the group. He was there to reach out, look for input, and options to help out/volunteer with activities in town (and to keep up with what's going on in town). Having the potential for extra hands for some programs/activities in town could be very helpful (particularly with Youth Week quickly approaching).

Next Meeting: Thursday April 7 at 6:30 at Borough Hall