

Recreation Minutes

May 13, 2021

Attendance: Ryan Blass, Laurie Boyle, Andy Fox, Vanessa James, Jack Kostiuk, Chris Morris, Andrea Whilden

Current programs and events:

-First up was a recap from Youth Week (since our meeting was postponed a week because of it). Along with the usual events, there were some new events this year- the scavenger hunt, children's concert, and pop-up park. A big thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered their time.

-Spring tennis finishes tonight, utilizing a tournament-style way of ending the program. Hopefully, the good turnout will continue as the Spring session leads into the Summer session at the end of June.

-T-ball is still ongoing and will end in the first week of June.

-Healthy Kids Running had its last session this past Sunday (5/9). Around 260 kids participated this year.

-A few weeks ago, repairs took place at Sunset Auditorium, including fresh paint and fixing the wood that had previously been damaged.

-An update of the tennis courts: after the bidding process, the resurfacing project became too pricey of an undertaking at this time. Instead, minor repairs will be done to ensure the courts are safe to play on.

-Talks with the Environmental Commission about the wildflower meadow at ALP have stalled. The goal is to have an update about this potential project next meeting.

Upcoming programs and events:

-Summer Playground will be taking place this year at a yet-to-be determined location; Walls and Shertel Park were mentioned as potential spots. It will take place on a Monday-Thursday schedule from 9:30-11:30 AM starting at the end of June. Interviews for counselor positions will take place June 2.

-Both the Summer and Heart of a Champion basketball camps will take place at Shertel again this year. Currently, there are no dates set for either program.

-Phil Verespy will be running this year's Summer Music program at Sunset Auditorium. It will also be using the Monday-Thursday scheduling format in consecutive weeks in July, with a performance at the end of the program.

-Unfortunately, Parks and Rec will not be running a Summer Theater program this year, in part because of the difficulty using indoor facilities.

-On a positive note, the annual 4th of July Freedom 4-Miler will return in person this year (although the virtual run option is still available). The race will take place July 5 right before the parade. Sign-ups are available online, with the shirt planning and securing the timing company both being finalized. Packet pick-ups are slated for the Friday before the race (7/2), which, right now, will be at Sunset.

-Lastly, updates continue to be added to the Parks and Rec website. Soon, online registrations will be an option to provide an alternative, more modern option.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 3 at 6:30 at Borough Hall