

PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Park Ridge Recreation & Cultural Meeting was called to order on Monday, 8/16 at 7:35pm.

The members present were: Tony Markowski, Paul Wharton, Odette Bottinor, George Bottinor, Tom Hoskins, Joe Mahoney, Councilman Hopper....

- Minutes were approved from last month's meeting by a motion from Lyn B. and seconded by Tom H.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Steve H. reported on Day Camp...need a dedicated phone # for better communication next year...parents to be asked to give their email address next year...Lyn B said directors could text her regarding camp delays or closings...she can access the web site from her home....Steve H. said a full report would be given next month by Mike R., who is currently on vacation.

2. Tennis Clinic attendance down this year from last...approximately 25 registrants...Paul W. said we should do it again next year.

3. DARE Night Out went well according to George B....said we weren't able to lend our movie equipment due to an amp having blown.

4. Movie Night @ Pool was well attended and well received...various committee members received positive feedback...discussion of amp and the need to have it checked out soon since equipment will be needed for both Ragamuffin Parade and Tree Lighting....George B. said one speaker is not good and either needs to be repaired or tossed...also someone should check to see if the speakers match up....**Tony M. & Steve H.** will check this out before next meeting.

5. Concert @ Gazebo with Danny Quinn a huge success and very well attended...feedback for most part was positive with one or two feeling the traffic was a distraction...overall feeling was that it was slight but not enough to be a problem and the site would be used again....committee felt that the site was perfect for one or a maximum of two performers but no more...committee member suggested that in future someone be designated to both introduce the performer at the beginning of the evening and thank the performer and those who came out at the end of the evening.

6. Popcorn Machine – report to wait for Liz F.

7. Next Movie Night scheduled for September in the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

September 4th Concert & Fireworks - Steve H. reported cost will be the same as last year, \$7,500 – all through corporate donations....he is using same provider as last year....Tony M. said he had contacted Chief Madden regarding police presence....Lyn B. said she would have John Hansen, Fire Prevention call Tony M. regarding the necessary permits....Lyn B. will contact Chief Ludwig for fire department presence...Steve H. said Ambulance Corp to be contacted also.

Discussion on entertainment and food and time....
One band only...beginning at 6:00pm....17th Street Band.....

Rotary to sell popcorn, water & soda - no franks this year.

Fireworks to begin at 8:00pm give or take a few minutes.

American Legion to have a table for 50/50....Steve H. said PRAA should be given the same opportunity.

Steve H. asked about renting a bounce house again Paul W. said committee should discuss the philosophy of the day....Family oriented with entertainment & food or just an evening of fireworks.....general consensus was to retain the family oriented program and go for the bounce house again.

Paul W to have posters made....and will design flyer for web....

- All acknowledged that program would probably be well attended due to the fact that Park Ridge will one of the few, if not the only, town having Labor Day fireworks....shuttle service from Hawthorne Ave. municipal lot being provided by Park Ridge Regency.

Halloween Program – Steve H. discussed having the skating program at the Palisades Skating Arena....also having a band play again...said Mike R. had been handling....committee agreed to go ahead with it.

Motion made to adjourn by George B. at 9:00pm...seconded by Tom H.

Next meeting is Monday, September 20th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Beer (subbing in for Liz F.)