

Borough of Park Ridge
Minutes of the Recreation and Cultural Committee
June 15, 2015
7:30 PM

Present at Meeting:

Steve Masson, Liz Falkenstern, Eugene McVerry, Tom Hoskins, Cheryl Shaw, Laurie Wharton, Paul Wharton, Michael Raia, Rob Cerabona, Steve Hopper, Ellen Julis

(Review of Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Consideration of Open Issues:

Town Picnic/Fireworks-Steven H/Michael R.- Everyone had fun and it was a great day. Steve Masson should be especially commended for his hard work and the long hours he spent working to make the Picnic the success it was!! We also appreciate all of the other members and groups that helped with this major event! The “Slappy’s” also assisted Friday and Sunday and were a big help to us!

The Elks did a super job cooking. Our residents enjoyed the food served by El Azteca Mexican Restaurant and Ridgemont Pizza but Ridgemont did not bring any sign and it was difficult to see that they were selling pizza. The Thai Elephant Food Truck was good, however people commented that their prices were too high for a Picnic crowd. There seemed to be less people attending this year. It might have been because we changed the usual first Saturday in June Town Picnic date to the second Saturday and there were more outside family/graduation parties going on?

The Magicians, the DJ’s and the Blue Chip Barbershop Quartet did a great job

Some suggestions for next year are: To start soliciting sponsors earlier; to possibly line up the food on the concrete or by the beer garden to be in full view of everyone attending the Town Picnic; to have the food vendor(s) bring signs to identify themselves and list prices; to bring back the high school bands; to move the DJ closer to the Dam; to possibly line the vendors on the path next year; to buy caffeine free cola and regular cola; to purchase 8 cases of Gatorade for next year instead of 5 cases like we did this year; to have the Picnic on the first Saturday of June next year.

The Fireworks were fun and they were enjoyed by all. However, it was suggested that they slow down the presentation next year so it lasts longer.

There was a problem with the plastic batting cage nets and the Fireworks. We need to ask that PRAA take down the nets in the future before any the Fireworks display.

We also need to ask the Board of Education to inspect the Field area before the event is held. We also could ask that the BOE put up signs about no chairs or sodas on the turf field.

Pool Night - was tentatively scheduled for July 16th, as we need to get 6-8 people to help and some of our volunteers may be away. Paul W. Volunteered to assist.

Day Camp- Cheryl Shaw- There are 233 registered and 12 payment pending. There are 37 staff members and 27 CIT's.

The activities include Tennis on Tuesday and Thursday; Bowling on Wednesday and the Pool on Friday. There will be mini golf and other trips. A Staff Pool Party/barbeque is going to be planned and the exact date will be announced. The set up will be 4-430 pm and we will need to go shopping for the barbeque at BJ's the day of the event.

Agenda and Time of the Next Meeting (PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION)

The next Meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Park Ridge Pool after Movie Night Set Up.

The Agenda for the next meeting will include: US Sports Institute (USSI) presentation; Summer Day Camp; August Concert Series; Ragamuffin Parade/Halloween activities 2015; Columbus Day Weekend Casino Bus Trip and any additional items/activities that need discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by Michael R.

Minutes submitted by: Liz Falkenstern