

Borough of Park Ridge  
Minutes of the Recreation and Cultural Committee  
January 11, 2016  
7:30 PM

*Present at Meeting:*

Michael Raia, Eugene McVerry, Lyn Beer, Cheryl Shaw, Tom Hoskins, Bob Fornatale, Bob La Rubbio, Rob Nicolich, Paul Scarduffa, Jason Roth, Paul Wharton ,Liz Falkenstern Councilman Ryan Cangialosi, Councilman Matt Cappilli, and Mayor Terry McGuire

*Review of Previous Minutes:*

The meeting began at 7:32 PM and the Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion made by Lyn B. and seconded by Michael R.

*Reorganization:*

A motion was made by Michael R. and seconded by Lyn B. to nominate Eugene McVerry as the 2016 Recreation Chairman. All members unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Michael R. and seconded Paul S. to nominate Paul Wharton as 2016 Recreation Committee Vice Chairman. All members unanimously approved.

Michael R. made a motion to nominate Jason Roth as Recreation Treasurer for 2016. This nomination was seconded by Cheryl S. and all members unanimously approved.

The members also unanimously approved Liz F. to be the acting secretary.

The new Council liaison, Matt Capilli and Mayor Terry McGuire were introduced along with Councilman Ryan Cangialosi at the meeting. Matt C. told the members that the Rec Committee has the full support of the Mayor and Council.

*Old Business:*

A lengthy discussion ensued about the 2016 Recreation Committee appointments to date. Mayor McGuire reiterated that the Recreation Committee has the full support of the Mayor and Council.

Lyn B. and Michael R. emphasized the need for active, dependable volunteer members who are physically able to set up our events especially the Town Picnic (i.e. stage, grills, set up tents, tables, chairs, booths, drive the pickup truck, etc...) Paul W. stated that the Recreation Committee has gone through membership drives for new volunteers over the years and then at the end the volunteers do not show up. We need committed people to join and the most important thing is **commitment**. It was suggested to possibly reach out to Kindergarten fathers or to "Park Ridge Moms" on Facebook.

Tom H said that the older members cannot lift the tables as they previously did and that we need manpower. Lyn B. said the Town Picnic is really a 4 day event with set up and break down and we need able bodied men to volunteer to help with Picnic and all other events. We need manpower to do physical work. Councilman Matt C. said that other towns have their DPW's help set up their events and that this might be a future possibility.

Councilman Ryan C. said we need to offer programs for younger families to get people who have children in these programs to volunteer. Michael R. commented that we would love to get new people in to get new ideas for the Committee.

#### Holiday Party:

The 2016 Recreation Committee Holiday Party is on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 1-4 pm at the Village Grille in Waldwick, NJ. Liz F. will send another reminder. RSVP to 201-294-9679 if you haven't already.

#### Town Picnic:

Mayor McGuire will check with the Park Ridge Elks about cooking at the Town Picnic. Planning will start soon

Pre-school Sports Program: The USSI representative, Stephanie Bardell will attend the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the Spring Recreation preschool program. Liz F. has checked for Atkins Glen Field availability in April.

#### New Business:

##### Zumba:

The instructor, Carol Leyton is unable to continue Zumba during the winter as she had another opportunity to teach on Saturday morning. She said attendance was down in Park Ridge and said she would do a new program in the Community Center from 8 am-9am on Saturdays starting in April. It was approved that the Zumba program could continue in April. Liz F. will secure Community Center.

##### Egg Hunt:

Since the event is so early, there was a discussion about possibly having the event in the Community Center if there was snow or ice on the field on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We could have a "Meet the Bunny" and people could take pictures and we could hand out candy bags. There is more to discuss and plan at February's meeting which is the last meeting before the event.

(We have a brand new professional Bunny costume for this year's event that will be perfect for picture taking!)

##### New Recreation Committee Shirts:

There was a discussion about getting new printed Recreation shirts and Liz F was requested to get prices for zippered hooded sweatshirts, golf shirts and pullover sweatshirts. Liz F. will email Graphically Speaking for pricing information. It was suggested by Councilman Ryan C.

Approved Event Dates:

The following dates were approved by the members for 2016

Egg Hunt- Saturday, 3/19 and rain date is Sunday, 3/20

Car Show- Saturday, 5/14 and rain date is Sunday, 5/15.

Town Picnic/Fireworks-Saturday, 6/11 and rain date is Sunday, 6/12.

Summer Concert Series- Thursday's- 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

Ragamuffin Parade- Saturday, 10/29 and the rain date is Sunday, 10/30

Tree Lighting –Sunday, 12/4 and the rain date is Saturday, 12/10

Liz F. will submit dates to Mayor and Council for 2016 Banner hanging Resolution and post on the Borough calendar/website.

Other Business: Jason R. discussed "Dad's Night" in Ridgewood and suggested that we also possibly have meetings at restaurants outside of the Community Center to make the Rec Committee more fun to join. It was suggested to have a February 1<sup>st</sup> gathering or meeting at a place to be determined to attract new members. Lyn B. will research what is available. More news to follow.

Michael R. suggested that we consider holding an Oktoberfest event in October. More discussions to follow.

Agenda and Time of the Next Meeting:

The next Meeting will be on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Community Center.

Agenda for 2/15 Meeting:

- Spring Preschool Sports Program Presentation by Stephanie Bardell of USSI.
- Egg Hunt Final Plans
- Town Picnic planning discussion
- Stage discussion
- New Member discussion
- New Recreation Committee Shirt purchase discussion
- Any other Recreation Committee event discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by Michael R. and seconded by Tom H.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Liz Falkenstern