

Borough of Park Ridge

Recreation and Cultural Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2023

Attendance: The following were present at this meeting: Kelly Epstein, Doug Salvi, Rob Nicolich, Paul Wharton, Laurie Wharton, Michael Raia, Dean Scaduto, Bob LaRubbio, Rosemary Happ, Bob Fornatale, Carolee Chirico, Liz Falkenstern (Recreation Director) and Council Liaison Greg Hoffman

Meeting Began with Motion from Mike R., Doug S. 2nd (7:07PM)

Review of Previous Minutes: Mike R Motioned, Bob F. 2nd

Old Business

1. Tree Lighting Wrap Up: Good turnout for the rain date, weather was great, location of Band and Cheer was good, needed more music throughout, some elves would have been helpful too, but change of date impacted ability to have them. We appreciated delicious cookies being served by Il Freno Espresso Bar, candy canes from Lightbridge Academy in Montvale, fresh popcorn from Vozza Agency and Peter Wells, Architect and card cases from the Utilities Department.

New Business

1. Lehman Gardens Residents would like list of Rec events posted in their community.
2. Sound Equipment Request – Council Liaison Hoffman relayed a request from a resident to utilize the rec committees sound equipment for an event at the Mansion in town. It is a private classic car themed fundraising event for the food pantry on Sunday January 21st. Committee unable to provide due to the nature of the event being private rather than Borough sponsored.
3. Reorganization meeting is on Monday, January 29, 2024. The election of officers will take place all those interested in being nominated please let Liz F. know if possible before the night of the meeting on January 29, 2024.

Motion to close: 7:27PM by Rob N. 2nd by Bob L. Recreation Committee members stayed until approx. 9:30 pm with LG residents and served sandwiches and pizza to all donated from Marc's Deli and also soft drinks and holiday desserts. We also gave them small Christmas presents and left some under their tree as well. Thank you to all members who helped at LG! It was a nice evening for all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Epstein
Park Ridge Recreation and Cultural Committee – Secretary