

Borough of Park Ridge

Recreation and Cultural Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2023

Attendance: The following were present at this meeting: Kelly Epstein, Rob Nicholich, Rosemary Happ, Paul Wharton, Paul Scarduffa, Robert Fornatale, Lori Bettini, Tommy Greco, Laurie Wharton, Liz Falkenstern (Recreation Director) and Council Liaison Greg Hoffman

Review of Previous Minutes: The meeting began at 7:35 PM by a motion made by Laurie W. and seconded by Rob N. The Minutes of the previous August 20th meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion from Bob F., and seconded by Laurie W.

Old Business

1. Review of Fireworks: Great event, light sticks giveaway was a hit, Band was amazing, looking to possibly book them for next year. Great show and finale. Think we would need to provide a PA system next year for announcements. Should we look into changing the date?
2. TGA Golf/Tennis: At East Brook and West Ridge K-5
3. Supper Club event 9/24: Tommy G. spoke about event and how a portion of the proceeds will go to the Tri-Boro Food pantry. Located at Depot Square train station. Looking for future locations to hold these events such as Wortendyke Barn.
4. Oktoberfest update: Next planning meeting 5:30 on 9/20. Donations approved from ShopRite, live Polka band, Lightbridge Academy may bring games for the kids, ice cream truck for 2 hours, band for 3 hours. Parking may be an issue with a home PRAA football game
5. Town wide Garage Sale sponsored by Carolee Chirico: 10/14 \$15 per house to go to Rec events. Table set up a Depot Square from 9 am-12 noon to pick up maps, free coffee, donuts, raffle for prizes, etc.
6. Ragamuffin Parade: Start thinking about events once parade is over including contest and pumpkins, etc. Liz to try to get sponsor, ask Tom M. to paint pumpkins, hire DJ for 1.5 hours, confirm PRHS marching band.
7. Men's and Women's Basketball/Volleyball has begun on Monday nights. 8-10pm

New Business

Luez Bueno of PNC Bank on Kinderkamack came to meeting to discuss sponsorships of events such as Oktoberfest and a willingness to support recreation committee events in town.

Motion to close: official meeting was closed at 8:21PM by Paul S. 2nd by Rob N. Discussions continued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Epstein

Park Ridge Recreation and Cultural Committee – Secretary