

Borough of Park Ridge  
Minutes of the Recreation and Cultural Committee  
December 19, 2016  
7:30 PM

Present at Meeting:

Michael Raia, Michael Shenloogian, Doug Salvi, Bob Fornatale, Bob LaRubbio, Paul Wharton, Tom Hoskins, Luigi Vitali, Michael Murphy, Kelly Epstein, Eugene McVerry, Liz Falkenstern

Review of Previous Minutes:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM and the Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion of Mike R. and seconded by Tom H.

Old Business

TREE LIGHTING-The event was very successful and thanks to Andy D for organizing as always. Thanks to Eugene M., Tom H. Bob F., etc. for getting pots for hot chocolate. Boy Scouts and PRHS interact helped with the event. Chamber of Commerce had popcorn, our sponsor, TD Bank handed out cute Elf hats! The PR Utilities provided nice red flashlights to all! Everyone seemed to enjoy the holiday festivities!

The members felt the musical program was too long and **the singing next year should be only from 5pm-530pm** with **the lighting of the tree at 530 pm SHARP**. We will have to inform the school band/choir of the change in time. We should **order 1000 cups** for hot chocolate next year and buy more cremora and hot chocolate as some members felt it was too weak. Special thanks go to Lyn B. for buying the hot chocolate, etc. this year! Kelly E. expressed concern that children were playing in the tree when the lights were being turned on and it was voted on to **have safety fencing around the tree next year.**

It was discussed to heat the water on the burners ourselves next year and buy the water or have 20 gallons of water donated instead of going to the restaurant for the pots, etc.

Liz will write thank you letter to editors in newspapers for all that assisted.

HOLIDAY PARTY-The Recreation Committee Holiday Party will be at the Village Grille in Waldwick on Sunday, January 8 from 1-4 PM. Liz to send our reminders.

New Business:

BUDGET-Discussion- it was voted on to add the Oktoberfest event to our 2017 budget and make it \$1000.00 as it was previously in 2013. Further discussions ensued about capital purchases to make in the next 5 years. It was voted on to add to Rec Budget to buy portable basketball hoops at approximately \$700.00 for 2 and a "King Kooker"

propane stove (105,000 BTU jet burner) at \$250.00. It was also agreed to put in our budget to purchase fittings for the tents and new poles for \$1500.00. The members voted to raise 2017 Fireworks to \$7500.00 and the Car Show to \$1000.00 for 2017. We will ask Cheryl S. if there is any capital expense needed for camp.

Discussion about part time Recreation Director position- Eugene M. made a motion and Paul W/Mike R seconded as follows: *“With the anticipated increase in Park Ridge Recreation and Cultural Committee activities and associated responsibilities for the Recreation Director, the Recreation Committee recommends the Recreation Director position be upgraded to full time.”* The vote was unanimous in favor 11-0. Eugene M. to discuss with Matt C. and Rich B.

2017 TOWN PICNIC AND FIREWORKS - It was voted on to have the Pig Roast vendor from Teaneck, Sargent S. to be at the Town Picnic as a food vendor, (Eugene M. has his contact information.) it was also voted to reach out to VFW- Park Ridge Legion and the Park Ridge Marriott to see if they had any interest in also being food providers for the picnic.

Discussion took place about having the Picnic and Fireworks on 2 separate days. It was voted by a motion of Paul W. and seconded by Bob F. to hold the 2017 Fireworks on Labor Day weekend Saturday with the rain date on the Sunday. (9 yes and 2 abstained) Liz F. will check with PRHS for availability.

NEW MEMBERS Paul W. made a motion and it was seconded by Mike R. to appoint Scott G, Steve H. and George B. to the 2017 Recreation Committee. Liz F. will send to Mayor for review. A motion was made to end meeting at 850 pm by Tom H. and seconded by Mike R. The 2017 Reorganization Recreation Meeting is Monday, January 16, 2017.

AGENDA:

Reorganization Voting for 2017 Officers

Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Falkenstern