Harrington Park Recreation Commission Meeting
October 9, 2024 Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Rob Hwang opened the meeting at 8:03 pm with the following public announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

COMMISSION Members	**PRESENT**	**ABSENT**
Steve Howe (SH)	8:16	
Lauren Pribila (LP)	X	
Barry McAuley (BMc)	By phone	
Ashley Plescia (AMP)		x
Matthew Saland (MS)	X	
Rob Hwang (RH)	X	
Councilwoman Chung (JC)	X	
Lara Toomin, Recreation Director (LT)		X

Mr. Hwang opened the meeting to the public, second Mr. Saland. All in favor. Carried.

Maeve O'Neil, and mother Cricket, spoke about Maeve's idea to create an exercise area for older people as her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Commission asked for more information to be able to review and then possibly approve.

Mr. Hwang moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mr. Saland. All in favor. Carried.

Updates/Decisions on Current Projects

Approval of Minutes of June 2024

Approval of Minutes of August 2024

Mr. Hwang moved to approve both sets of minutes, second Mr. Saland. All in favor. Carried.

Park Monitoring (Prior to Meeting Each Month to Allow for Reporting at Meeting)

Pondside Ms. Pribila spoke about the overgrown bushes and the walkway and the look of the equipment at Pondside and said that these items were being reported as bothering people. Councilwoman Chung reported that she had walked Pondside with Senator Schepisi and that Harrington Park is trying to set up a cooperative arrangement with Park Ridge to build a filter system. She also stated that 75% of the high price tag of dredging is the tipping fee for what is dredged up.

Highland Field There will be slight changes made to the plan for the Lower Basketball Court. The court will be high school size plus a hoop on each side. Rec basketball will donate the hoops. The town will pave the blacktop, and the DPW will remove the old hoops. We will need to purchase the hoops by 10/17. Councilwoman Chung hopes to have everything approved at the 10/15 meeting. There will be no driving or parking on the new blacktop. The dugout material has been ordered and the Highland fencing for $68,000 has been approved. Mr. Saland reported that the Highland lights have been fixed. The DPW knows that woodchips need to be added to the playground. Perhaps a barrier would help keep the chips in place.

George Street Feedback is generally good. One woman did not react well to being asked not to allow her dog onto the new tennis court. An angry resident spoke to the Mayor and Council about the fact that nothing has been done to his

satisfaction with pickleball. He wants nets and lines. Councilwoman Chung said that the DPW could probably add lines. Perhaps next year we can secure a grant for local recreation.

Beechwood

Don Horsey

Columbus

Grants/Budgets

Ragamuffin Parade updates The Juniors will run the event under the auspices of the Recreation Commission and will keep it small.

Other Items/Updates

Adjourn Mr. Hwang moved to adjourn, second Mr. Saland. All in Favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 13, 2024