

JOAN SCHAEFER RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES APRIL 2021

Recreation Director, Ed Volmer called the April meeting of the Joan Schaefer Recreation Committee (JSRC) to order at 8:00 pm on April 26, 2021.

PRESENT: V. Malley, R. Martin, M. Canino, D. Almonte, J. Arango, A. Dominguez, A. Gonzales, T. Infield, C. Lacap, K. Lacie, T. Londono, P. Martinez, B. Mendez, P. Pascual, J. Teel, B. Timmons, M. Weigl Also at the meeting was Council Liaison Ora Kornbluth

ABSENT: E. Hernandez, L. Placencia

Guests: Mayor Amatorio, Councilman Marc Pascual

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman: Vinny Malley Vice Chairman: Ryan Martin Secretary: Mariann Canino

MAYOR AMATORIO addressed the Committee. Welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service to the community. He informed the Committee that as of May 1, Bergenfield would be taking over use of Conlon Hall. Details were still being worked out but all were hopeful this was going to be a reality. A very happy piece of information for the Committee.

ED VOLMER: Ed went over the dates and events the town is hopeful of running this year. The Easter Egg Hunt did have to be cancelled. Summer Camp will not be operating this year. Plans for Family Fun Day are hopeful and will depend on the number of people the state will allow. Date for Family Fun Day is currently June 6 with rain date of Sunday, June 13.

Halloween Trunk or Treat is hopefully going to happen on Halloween Oct 31. If there is a Halloween Parade it would be the week earlier at Coopers Pond.

Holiday at the Pond is scheduled for Sat. Dec 4 with a rain date of Sun Dec 5. Other events being planned and hopeful to happen: Movies in the Park, Summer Concerts, Fishing Derby sponsored by the Elks Club and the borough.

Also running is the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. There is Zumba in the Park, which Priscila Pascual is running. There will also be line dancing and other activities for residents.

SPORT REPORTS

BBL: Running smoothly. There is 1 senior team and 3 junior teams.

PAL: A. Dominguez informed the JSRC that PAL is currently running outdoor basketball at Memorial. There are approximately 150 boys and girls playing in a Rec and travel program. PAL is also running a spring soccer program for approximately 140 boys and girls.

BERGENFIELD UNITED SOCCER CLUB: Juan Arango said there are 13 teams in all different age groups. Last year they just did training, no competitions, this year they are competing. There are approximately 200 kids playing in U8-U18 Divisions.

JR. FOOTBALL: J. Teel told JSRC that Bergenfield Jr. Football is in discussion with Bogota about combining football and cheering programs. Cheering is being reorganized so that girls will be able to pick to cheer in competition or league or both. K-2 playing flag rather than tackle. Working out well.

Jr. Football also has a Challenger program for modified football and cheering. Also did a soccer program with PAL for Challengers.

Jackie also reported that some games may go to Sunday so as to include more of the community.

LOU HARRIS CHALLENGER DIVISION

Ed reported that currently Little League is running Challenger baseball program. There is also a Challenger track program going on at this time also.

WRESTLING:

Belinda Mendez told the Committee that there was no season this year, however, Ed said, there were several kids that wrestled for club teams and went to the state tournament and one placed 2nd and one placed 4th.

MUSIC: Brian Timmons said kids are super eager to perform and if any of the groups had need for live music, he knows the kids are anxious to have the opportunity to play.

MEL TRAINING

Ed reminded the Committee that all volunteers in the borough need to watch two videos. The link and directions have been sent and to please watch . Mariann will send the link again along with the Minutes.

There being no further business for the good of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

THE NEXT MEETING IS: MONDAY, MAY 24, 8:00 AT THE PAVILION AT MEMORIAL FIELD

Respectfully Submitted

Mariann Canino, Secretary