



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 4th at 3:00PM

Approval of Minutes – April 6th meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Community Programs Items (Lori Peretti)

1. Spring Soccer update
2. Driving Range update
3. Summer Staff interviews & update
4. CIP Grant award
5. Resolution Items:
 - a. Pool staff,
 - b. Playground Staff &
 - c. Independent Contractors
 - d. Acceptance of CIP Grant

Senior Programs Items (Linda O'Brien)

6. Senior Program update
7. Senior exercise update

Schedule next meeting– June 2nd @ 3:00pm

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Town of Niskayuna

April 6, 2023

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: J. Puccioni, J. Brennan, J. Moskowitz, B. Greenwood, A. Finan, J. Foti,
L. O'Brien, S. Goldstein, J. Lohre, L. Peretti

Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2023 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

Community Programs Items – Lori Peretti

Spring Soccer Update – This year's program is running from April 24th - May 17th. The four week program meets on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Niskayuna Soccer Complex on Zenner Rd. Registration closed on March 31st, and there are wait-lists at the K/1 and 4/5 grade levels. There are still openings at the grade 2/3 level. Julie is still looking for coaches and referees, so if anyone is interested, they should give her a call.

Spring Hat and Bunny Parade – The annual Spring Hat and Bunny Parade will be held on Friday, April 7th at the Town Hall Gazebo. The event is scheduled to run from 10:00 – 11:00 am. There will be face painting, coloring stations, balloon art and pictures with the bunny. The weather looks beautiful, so it should be a great event.

Summer Program Update - The 2023 Summer Program Guide was released on Saturday, April 1st, with no issues. There is a wide variety of programs that are open for registration. There is something for everyone! The Town Driving Range is scheduled to open on Saturday, April 29th (weather permitting). If it is too wet, the opening would need to be pushed back a week, since we need to be able to mow. The range opens up daily at 9:00 am and closing hours will vary (due to maintenance and group ball picks). Residents are asked to consult the website calendar before heading over. At this time, all of the park calendars have been updated for the spring/summer season. This will allow residents to know in advance if a court or field is reserved for one of our programs.

Resolution Items:

1. Soccer Referees, Driving Range staff and Pool Managers.
2. A Resolution to set the dates and times for this year's Farmer's Market.
3. Councilmember Moskowitz added that there will hopefully be a Resolution for addendums to some license agreements.

Senior Program Updates – Linda O’Brien reported that spring has arrived at the Senior Center. They have put all signs of winter away inside the building and will continue to work on the outside. The Facility Maintenance crew has also come and removed all the fencing to open the stairway to the parking lot back up. Linda told the committee that surprisingly, the seniors would rather use the stairway than the sidewalk with the railing. Linda also reported the crew always does a very good job of keeping everything well salted in snowy/icy weather.

The exercise programs are going strong at the center. There are classes every Tuesday and Thursday, and now Mondays are getting busy as well. There is a Qi Gong class in the morning, followed by a Chair Pilates class at 12:30. On Monday evenings, Edie comes in and runs a beginning Mah Jong class. This program is very popular and there are often 2 or more tables learning. There is also an active group that plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well. The Gentle Flow Yoga will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, right through May. The instructor may then take a break for the summer. If this happens, the senior staff will try to substitute a different class, since that seems to be a very popular time slot. On Thursday, 4/20, the SAS Artist program will be offering a program on collage. The Saturday SAS art program will be held on 4/22 with a workshop making silk scarves. This program has a fee and pre-registration is required. The May Book Club selection will be The Lions of Fifth Avenue, by Fiona Davis. The Alzheimer’s Association comes in to provide information and support on the first Friday of every month. While people are encouraged to call for an appointment, they also welcome walk-ins. The participation numbers for this service continue to increase. The center continues to offer the Blood Pressure clinic, and the monthly “Coffee with a Cop” Program. The next Proctor’s trip will be May 25th to see the musical “Ain’t Too Proud to Beg”, the story of the Temptations. They are also scheduling a Defensive Driving course to be held in the near future.

The Senior Program staff made a request to change the dates of their membership year to January through December. It had been July through June in the past, but following the calendar year just makes more sense. This was agreed upon by the committee, and Supervisor Puccioni indicated that no further action was needed to make the change.

Linda reported that the center has received two checks from CDPHP. She thanked Councilwoman Brennan for her help in obtaining the donation that will help supplement their food program. The other check is to offset the cost of the exercise programs. The center is also going to be the recipient of all of the “round-up at the register” donations from all the Benson’s Pet Centers for the month of April.

Supervisor Puccioni reported that there was a discussion during the morning’s Public Works Committee meeting regarding the walking trails that have been proposed around the Aqueduct Rd. facility. It was agreed that it would be a nice addition to the senior program.

The Senior Center will be hosting its second Red Cross Blood Drive. It will be held on Monday, April 10th from 1:00 -6:00 pm using the upper level of the center.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre