



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 3 at 3:00PM

Approval of Minutes – January 6 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Items brought from the Highway Committee (Councilperson Moskowitz)

Community Programs Items (Lori Peretti)

1. Universal Application update
2. Facility Use Manual update
3. Summer Planning update
4. Resolution items

Senior Programs Items (Linda O'Brien)

5. Senior Program update
6. Senior Exercise
7. Book Club

Schedule February meeting– March 3 @ 3:00pm

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Town of Niskayuna

January 6, 2022

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: J. Brennan, A. Finan, J. Moskowitz, J. Lohre, J. Kochan, J. Wynne, S. Goldstein, L. Peretti, L. O'Brien

Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2021 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Brennan. The minutes were approved as presented.

Public Works Committee Items – Councilman Moskowitz thanked Lori Peretti for adding this to the agenda. He informed the committee that he had spoken to Ray Smith, but there was nothing to report. There will likely be more relevant information coming from the Public Works Committee when the weather gets warmer. Lori Peretti will contact Councilman Moskowitz prior to that morning meeting if there is anything that she needs to have presented.

Community Programs Update – Lori Peretti-

January/ February Events - Lori Peretti reported that the West Mountain Ski Club will run January 7 – February 11th. The 55 passenger coach bus will have a maximum of 40 riders. There are also several Middle School students registered, since both Niskayuna Middle Schools were unable to run a program this year. The bus transportation will be limited to high school students.

Facility Use Manual-The Community Programs Department has been working on a Facility Use Manual. This will aid in making the fees and policies for all town fields and facilities transparent and available at a glance for residents wishing to rent them. This manual should be completed by late February, and be available for the Town Board members to view and discuss. Hopefully it can get on a Town Board Resolution in March and be ready for spring and summer reservations.

Summer Planning Update-Lori is working on a blanket application for all summer positions. Life guards, pool managers, snack bar attendants, and Camp Supervisors will all use the same application form. This application should be posted on the website in the beginning of March. She has also been reaching out to all independent contractors who run sports camps and other activities. They are sending her their dates and she is working on assembling the Summer Program Guide. This will be complete and registrations will open on April 1st.

Resolution Items- At this time, Lori has Rec Leaders and Senior Fitness Instructors for the resolution.

Rec Leaders supervise events at the Niskayuna Community Center, when it is rented by town residents. They also help with youth programs like Rec Soccer, Ski Club, etc. Lori will contact Alaina Finan if there are any additions.

Senior Program Updates - Linda O'Brien began her report with a shout-out to thank Edie Cannizzo for stepping up and taking over the sending of e-mail blasts to member of the Senior Program community. These e-mails are essential to keeping everyone informed. The Alzheimer's Support Group will resume in March. There is a new exercise class - Gentle Flow Yoga – starting up on Wednesday evenings at the end of January and continuing throughout February. This will be taught by Susan Manchester. Most exercise classes are hybrid, giving seniors a choice between coming in to the center to participate and joining via Zoom. Mah Jong continues to go well, with lots of people very interested in learning. The new book club also continues to grow.

Linda updated the committee on the progress of the Nisky at Home program. This new program, which is still in the planning /organizing phase, is designed to be a way to connect local seniors with either students or adult volunteers. These volunteers will be able to help with small tasks on either a regular or a once in a while basis. The need for this program became very apparent in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when seniors were very isolated and often did not know where to turn for assistance. The idea for this program was based on the success of the Nisky Attic program which helps connect students with specific needs for clothing and supplies to families willing and able to donate those needed items. At this time, the Senior Center staff is working with John Moskov, and members of the National Honor Society at the High School to iron out all the necessary details and precautions. Alaina Finan asked about specific aspects of the program which Linda explained. She asked to have more information, as it became available. Alaina has received the paperwork to review, including the application forms.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre