



Town of Niskayuna

May 5, 2022

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: J. Moskowitz, L. Peretti, L. O'Brien, A. Finan, J. Puccioni, B. Greenwood, M. Martinelli

Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2022 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

Community Programs – Lori Peretti-

Spring Soccer Update - Spring Rec Soccer has been off to a slow start, due to the weather. Games were cancelled on both Monday 5.2 and Wednesday, 5/4 this week. All of the teams are filled and anxious to play. Thank you to the Highway Department for getting our fields lined and ready for play!

Spring Hat and Bunny Parade - Lori Peretti reported that the Spring Hat and Bunny Parade, which was held on Friday, April 15th, was a huge success. This was the first year that we introduced the Spring Hat / Bunny Ears component, and there were lots of children and adults participating! Lori gave a very big “Thank You” to Council Members Brennan and Moskowitz for handling the difficult task of judging that competition. It could not have been easy, with so many adorable entries.

Driving Range – The Driving Range opened for the season on April 30th. Thank you to the Highway Department for installing the safety netting and putting out the mat. A very special thanks to Coach Ben Smith and his Varsity Golf team for volunteering to go over to the range prior to Opening Day and doing a group pick in the woods and for looking for plugged balls that cannot be retrieved with the ball picker. They retrieved over 300 balls! The range will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm weather permitting for the duration of the season.

Summer Update – From our Universal Application, we received over twenty applicants for the snack bar and two applications for Life Guard positions. Interviews were held over the past couple of weeks. While it was not easy paring down the list, agreements went out to an appropriate number of applicants, and the others received letters indicating that while jobs had been filled, they could be contacted if people did not accept the positions. Salary Agreements have also been sent out to all the Camp Counselors, and Junior Counselors who have been bumped up to Counselors. Lori Peretti provided a pool update, indicating that two of the summer pool managers will be starting early to work with Charlie Bergami. They are scheduled to begin on May 23rd and will be blasting out the pool and then cleaning and repainting it to get it, and everything else ready for the pre-opening inspection.

Resolution Items - The summer pool hires will be on a resolution for the Town Board Meeting at the end of the month. The new and returning Camp Counselors will also be on that resolution. Alaina

Finan added that there will be a resolution regarding the Standard License Agreement which will be used in conjunction with the Facility Use Manual. Beth Greenwood also indicated that there will be a resolution setting both the rates as well as the dates for this year's Niskayuna Farmer's Market.

Senior Program Updates - Linda O'Brien informed the committee that there has been a lot going on in all parts of the Senior Center. A Mother's Day Tea was held and May birthdays were celebrated. The lunch program has begun to slow down a bit, possibly due to the weather getting nicer and residents being able to get out a little more. There will be a representative from the Schenectady Green Market coming to speak with seniors about the low-cost, weekly food box share program on May 19th. The details on the chicken barbeque lunch, scheduled for May 18th, have been ironed out as well. The process will be very stream-lined and the lunch has sold out. Lori will be at the center to help hand out the lunches as part of the drive-thru event. The Highway Department has been notified and will be providing cones to assist with traffic control. The Qi Gong program has been very well received. It will be continuing through the summer. Linda also spoke about some facility issues, regarding the building alarm going off. There are also some issues that Seth will need to assist with regarding the phone system, and some computer safety issues.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre