



## Town of Niskayuna

August 4, 2022

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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

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#### Community Programs – Lori Peretti-

**Summer Programs Update** – We are in the final week of our 5 week, Summer Playground Program. Registrations at all three camps have been steady, with a wait list for two of the weeks. Registration numbers at all of our summer programs have been great, and it has been a very successful summer. The remaining camps are two sessions of Amazing Athletes, and the final session of the Learn-to – Row program.

**Summer Concert Series** – Tonight's concert is Dadtet, with Stewart's donating free ice cream. Like several of these events, weather is an issue and a decision will be made by 4:00 if the concert needs to be cancelled and re-scheduled. The last of the originally scheduled Gazebo concerts will be held on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Attempts will be made to reschedule several of the concerts that were cancelled for various reasons.

**Fall Soccer Update** – Registrations for Fall and Pre-K Soccer have been steady. The Pre-K Skills and Drills Program has filled both time slots, and there is an active wait list for each session. Registrations are still being accepted for grades Kindergarten – Middle School although there is a late fee attached. Julie Lohre is still looking for parents to coach and teenagers to referee games on Saturday mornings.

**Fall Fun Run** – The Fall Fun Run will be back in-person, after a 2 year hiatus, on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The race will start with a 100 yd. dash (5:05), then the 5K (5:15), and will end with a 1-mile run. Registration will open on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bus up-date** – Lori Peretti gave a big shout out to Ken Williams, Ray Smith, Janet Wynne and Beth Greenwood for all their hard work on the bus project. There is currently a mini-bid out for a 14 passenger bus similar to the one they have been looking at. They should find out shortly if they were successful. This is the best option, because to do a build-out could take 1-2 years.

**Farmer's Market Update**-The Farmer's Market is in its 5<sup>th</sup> week here at the Niskayuna Town Hall. The market is open from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and will run through October 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the market is now accepting FMNP (Farmer's Market Nutrition Program) and SNAP. Along with a wonderful group of vendors, there will also be "Coffee with a Cop". Stop by and say hello to the men and women who serve our community.

Lori Peretti shared with the committee that our Community Program's Summer Intern Emily will be leaving us on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. She will be heading back to Binghamton to finish her graduate degree. Emily has been such a big help to us in the office, jumping in wherever she was needed, and she will be greatly missed!

**Resolution Items** – Lori reported that Fall Soccer staff and referees will need resolutions. Beth Greenwood added that while the purchase of the bus was previously approved for the expenditure of the funds, there needs to be a resolution to accept the mini-bid. Alaina reported that she will have an addendum to extend the Football Club's License Agreement through the end of this year.

**Senior Program Updates** – Water Aerobics continues to be very popular with both women and men participating. The instructor, Nicola is doing a great job. They held a "Surprise" day last week, which was fun and well received. They will try to hold these periodically as a way to get out and do some different things. The 55+ Pool Party has been re-scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict with Schenectady County's Summer Night Out. The Annual Art Out event is being held the weekend of August 19-21. Participants will gather and create on Friday and Saturday, with a reception being held at the Center on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The first official bus trip since COVID shut everything down will be to the Schenectady County Armory to see the Van Gogh exhibit. Due to the limited seating and the difficulty in obtaining tickets, the trip was opened up to the seniors who have been attending weekly. This trip will be in September.

Linda informed the committee that there are some rather serious issues with the foundation of the building. It is very wet, and the staff has been bringing in fans and dehumidifiers to keep things as dry as possible. This has contributed to an issue with one of the lower level doors not closing properly. Linda indicated that there have been a couple of occasions where they have found the door not securely closed due to the bowing of the frame. Linda suggested that it might be time for someone to take a closer look at some of these facility issues.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 3:00 pm**

**Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre**