



Spotswood Recreation Department

Reaching Every Citizen

Meeting Minutes - January 13th, 2021

In Attendance - Steve Zmijewski, Andrew Zaborney, Sal Masucci, Bob Hilse, Dan Hurley, Glen Betler, Jim Curnal, John Lavelle, Rich O'Brien, Diane Spiegelhoff, Donna Faulkenberry, Melissa Hallerman

Call to Order

- Rich called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.
- Andrew made a motion to accept the December minutes as corrected.
- Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Completed Programs and Events

- Santa Ride (Diane)
 - Good way to end the year with different organizations coming together (Police, Firefighters, etc.)
 - People coming together was very nice
 - Children enjoyed the event.
 - Diane to purchase a click counter for future drive-thru events

Status of Active Programs

- Running Club (Bob)
 - Two big challenges
 - 12 months step challenge and running 221 miles in the year
- REC Newsletter (Melissa)
 - Theme for February- All you need is love
 - All articles needed by January 25th
 - Promote self-love
 - Chocolate theme + Easter
 - The newsletter will be sent out February 1st
- Communications Update (Donna)
 - Stay Tuned as Donna will report during the event descriptions.

- Material on YouTube channel (Zaborney)
 - Holiday Lights video just went up
 - Members liked the addition of the YouTube channel

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Valentine's Day Card Exchange (Donna)
 - Cards are for Spotswood Senior citizens
 - Starting to come in; not enough to send out yet
 - Hopefully by February 1st
 - Mayor's office asked Borough employees to join in
 - Cards going to be collected until January 22nd
 - Give time to collect because have to be sent out by Feb. 1st
 - Box in Borough Hall for easy collection
 - Can drop off cards on Donna's porch, mail them to her
 - Instructions on flyer

- Valentine's Pet Photo Contest (Donna)
 - Can be any pet
 - Send photos by email
 - Come up with categories after all submissions are placed
 - Send in no later than Feb. 7th
 - Post results Feb. 15th

Unfinished Business

- Donation to CUP (Diane/Bob)
 - Check mailed to CUP
 - They received check
 - Accountant intercepted check before photo could be taken
 - Picture of staff with check hopefully will be forwarded over

- Giving Tree Program (Melissa/Donna)
 - Able to double/triple amount of children that received gifts thanks to partnership with REC
 - Able to do daycare centers where each child received a box with new toys

- Next Giving Tree Opportunity
 - Join with Spotswood Community Team for Easter baskets
 - Just asking for items to make baskets for homeless shelters
 - SCT and volunteer crew will deliver baskets for Easter
 - Running it through REC
 - Advertise
 - Sign up Sat.
 - Collect at other events before Easter
 - Motion to continue partnership with Spotswood Community Team
 - Donna made motion with, Rob seconded, all were in favor

- Spring Sports Discussion (Group)
 - James not comfortable with opening flag football at this time
 - Don't want to start registration without knowing what will happen with COVID
 - It was suggested that the program starts later and into summer
 - We will discuss more in the coming months and see how Covid is then
 - Conversation with Eric Williams, President of SYBSL
 - They tried truncated Fall-Ball schedule
 - Had parents make sure children were healthy to play
 - Parents required to sign waiver that the child did not have a fever or Covid and no one at home had COVID
 - Parents not very compliant with mask wearing a social distancing
 - Rich uncomfortable with starting Tee-ball at this time
 - Not sure whether he will run it this year
 - Suggestions from members
 - Communication with parents important
 - Be clear with parents that the group is still unsure about starting up Tee-ball
 - Put on agenda for February
 - How do you supply kids with necessary equipment?
 - Sal has some equipment in garage

- Spotswood REC Mask (Steve Zmijewski)
 - 40 in supply
 - Everybody gets 2
 - Steve will set a time for people to stop by to get masks
- Updated Contact List of REC Board
 - Diane will contact Grace to see if its updated

New Business

- Virtual REC Center Refresh (Rich)
 - Send description/hyperlink to Rich before February meeting
- Spotswood Soccer Club Coming to an End
 - John + Angela (pres. of soccer club) will work with Andrew to examine the issue and see if soccer can be taken over by REC
 - Andrew agreed to chair the soccer committee
 - Next month, try to solidify whether Spotswood REC would absorb Spotswood Soccer Club
 - Sal willing to help Andrew + John with soccer program
 - Melissa: Reminder about buddy ball
 - If REC takes on soccer, perhaps buddy ball could grow with it
 - Look into parent involvement with soccer
 - * Angela is currently the Secretary and Treasurer
- Budget for REC not approved yet
- New Administration
 - Marilyn Israel will be the new REC liaison for the Council

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by James
 - Steve Zmijewski seconded the motion
 - All in favor and the meeting ended at 8:07

Next Meeting: February 10, 2021 Time: 07:00pm

Location to be announced. Planning for an in-person meeting.

