



## **Meeting Minutes - May 12th, 2021**

**In Attendance** - Mayor Palmer, Mayor Slavicek of Helmetta, Steve Zmijewski, Diane Spiegelhoff, Lorraine Schneider, Ryan Michelson, Rich O'Brien, Bob Hilse, Jim Curnal, John Lavelle, Glen Betler, Angela Andre, Andrew Zaborney, Dan Hurley, Sal Masucci, Melissa Hallerman, Cindy Alongi.

### **Call to Order (Rich O'Brien)**

- Meeting called to order at 7:00
- Appointment of New Members: Welcome Lorraine and Welcome Back Trish!
- Presentation to Andrew Zaborney
- Mayor Palmer Oath of Office for REC members
  - REC has to do an oath for official purposes because REC represents the Borough
- Approve prior month's minutes.
  - Angela makes call to approve minutes
  - Rob seconds
- Communications Policy Change
  - Diane needs lead time when making any communication to the public
    - Needs ample time to get approved with Borough
  - Changes to social media postings may be needed to make it more official under the Borough
    - Do not hide/delete messages on social media (illegal)
    - Cannot block anyone

### **Completed Programs and Events**

- N/A

### **Status of Active Programs**

Running Club (Bob)

- Week-long step challenge around Remembrance Day
- Live 5K event on Saturday, September 18th
  - Keep virtual option open (so more of a hybrid model)
  - Open to anyone
  - Need sponsors for the event

REC Newsletter (Melissa)

- Theme for June: Tell Me Something Good
  - Power of positivity

- Only tell good news
- All articles in by May 21st
- Get approved by May 24th
- Mayor Palmer will be writing an article
- The newsletter will be taking a break in July and August and will resume in September

#### Community Giving Program (Melissa)

- Mother's Day collection went superb
  - Gave donation to an organization for domestic abuse
- Currently doing Father's Day collection
  - Going to Ozanam Men Shelter
  - Accepts different types of clothes

#### Field of Flags (Donna)

- Offer people the ability to honor American flag for veteran/someone dear
- 28 flags/poles ordered so far
  - Diane and Donna will create cards for them
- Flags will be installed by Memorial Day until Flag Day
- Set up a method for people to pick up flags and commemoration card
- Next year, do not need to buy poles
- Net proceeds to be donated to Operation Chillout

### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

#### Fishing Derby (Dan)

- Scheduled for Saturday, June 5th at Helmetta Pavillion
  - 8:00AM - 9:00AM for check-in
  - 9:00AM - 12:00PM for fishing
- Pre-Registration process because of COVID restrictions
  - Help with knowing who exactly is coming
- DJ Wacky Wayne will be attending
  - Need to know whether REC is paying the DJ
- Goodie Bags for the kids
  - Goldfish
  - Gummy worms
  - Water bottle
- Wash stations will be available
- Try to do trophies for winners
- Prizes from last year left over in the shed
- The budget approved so far is \$500

#### Basketball Camp/Summer Camps (Diane)

- Open for registration
  - 22 people signed up for basketball)
- Tennis program for July 19 through August 12

- 9:00AM - 11:00AM (two separate 1-hour sessions)
- Age 8 to 14
- Planned Programs (With help from Mr. Del Aversano and Mr. Vizzi)
  - Baseball/Softball programs
  - Soccer program
  - Potentially wrestling

#### Multicultural Event (Marylin)

- Want people to show their heritage
  - Saw a lot of diversity in the school, so wanted to put it all together
  - Wants people to learn about other people's cultures
  - Wants to raise respect for other cultures
  - No alcohol (family event)
- Scheduled for July
- The deadline to sign up is June 17th
  - Need to know how many people will attend/the number of countries represented
  - It will not cost REC anything
- Need 3 people for decorating/people upfront/take care of kids
- At Knights of Columbus
- May have high school volunteers

#### Car Show (Rich)

- Planned for the end of summer
- More to report next month

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Soccer Program (Sal)

- Waiting for if it is actually a go or not
- Need coaches and an incentive for coaches to coach
- \*Recap of what happened with the soccer club\*
- How to take over the soccer club legally must be established

#### Parks (Mayor Palmer)

- Looking to get two grants for Michael Road Park and Victoria Avenue Park
  - Revamp Michael Road Park to have a pavilion, basketball court, and playground
  - Potential for a dog park in Victoria Ave. Park
- Considering repaving the tennis courts
- New lighting project may get underway

## **New Business**

### Rutgers Certification (Rich)

- Rich able to run it in person
  - Just need a socially distanced environment

### CPR AED (Rich)

- PD able to do it
- Make it more general (for other groups besides REC)

### Drive-In Movies for Summer

- \$3,500 event to host the event

### Summer Concert Series

- Helmetta Mayor Slavicek, Cindy and Melissa will work on a Summer Concert Series to take place in Helmetta and Spotswood.
- Rich will pass along Mark Lesniak's information.

## **Adjourn**

- Rob seconded motion

Next Meeting: June 9, 2021 Time: 07:00pm

Municipal Courtroom