



2021-08- Agenda - REC Board Meeting

Date: August 11, 2021

7:00 PM Spotswood Municipal Building: Courtroom

Attendance: Sal Masucci, Ryan Michaelson, BA, Lorraine Schneider, Vikki Flynn, Esq., Melissa Hallerman, Angela Andre, Donna Faulkenberry, Cindy Alongi, Marylin Israel, Liaison, Dan Hurley, Jim Curnal, Glen Betler, Diane Spiegelhoff, Rich O'Brien

Call to Order (7:09 PM) (Rich O'Brien)

- ❖ Approval of June minutes
 - Motion by Sal, approved by all without objection

Completed Programs and Events

- ❖ Mayors March (Lorraine/Dan)
 - Need more candy for next time
 - \$20 donation received on the route
- ❖ Multicultural Event (Marylin)
 - Success overall
 - A lot of positive feedback
 - Want to do it every year
 - The next event is April 2nd with April 9 as the rain date (tentative)
 - April is Diversity Awareness month
 - Want to make it an even bigger event b/c of positive feedback
 - To be held at the Municipal Building
- ❖ Summer Camps (Diane)
 - Ran camps with the Spotswood High School Athletic Department
 - 6 total camps
 - Basketball had 72 kids
 - Track Field: 8 kids
 - Soccer: 20 kids
 - Flexibility Camp: 10 kids
 - Baseball, Softball and Wrestling also
 - About 150 kids total
- ❖ Tennis Program (Diane)
 - 36 kids total
 - Was a great success
 - The kids seemed to enjoy it a lot, and although we had to overcome some issues during the last week regarding weather, everything went very smoothly
- ❖ Car Show (Rich)
 - 90 cars
 - Over 100 residents

- Successful event overall
- Be more prepared for the parking next time

Status of Active Programs

- ❖ Summer Concert Series (Melissa)
 - Carson Drive will be performing on 8/27
 - Need to get the stage worked out
 - Where to put it
 - How to get it
 - Need to get time for the setup
 - 7:00 - 10:00 P.M. is the time of the concert
 - Bring own seat/snacks
- ❖ Running Club/5K Race (Bob)
 - No report from Bob as he is on vacation
 - Diane states sponsor letters are out and signs out on the lawn
 - Manhattan Bagel has agreed to give bagels
 - Need to talk to PD and rescue squad
 - Need people to direct traffic
 - Need someone to be in charge of the snack stand
 - Volunteers needed raceday

Upcoming Programs and Events

- ❖ REC Newsletter (Melissa)
 - September theme is "The sunny side of the street"
 - Make a conscious choice every day to walk on the sunny side
 - August 25 due date for articles
 - Will come out on September 1st
 - Won Apex award for best local newsletter
- ❖ Youth Basketball (Glen/Dan)
 - If school is available, want to run the program
 - Need dates for events
 - Usually starts in October
 - Want to start earlier (because after Thanksgiving, attendance drops)
 - Need to get information about COVID protocols
- ❖ Adult Basketball (Diane)
 - Approved
 - Starting on September 2nd
 - Adult volleyball starts September 8th
 - Approved for floor hockey
- ❖ Youth Floor Hockey (Diane)
 - Starting October 18th
 - Grades 4-7 @ Appleby
 - Grades 8-12 @ Memorial
 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 - Messaging with flyers

Unfinished Business

- ❖ Rutgers Certification (Rich)
 - 3-hour class
 - Saturday most likely works better than Friday
 - Rutgers is planning to schedule another instructor class at a lesser cost
 - 2022 moving completely to online classes with in-person offering being optional
- ❖ CPR AED (Rich)
 - Sent dates to Ed (End of September to October on Fridays/Saturdays)
 - Haven't heard back yet
 - August 26th (Thursday) police department is running a program for crossing guards
- ❖ Outdoor Movie Theater (Dan)
 - Need to know the cost for materials
 - Little less than \$600
 - \$200-\$400 for a license for movies
 - \$220 for the screen (20 feet)
 - Could be a bit small
 - Probably need a 30-foot screen
 - Most likely *can* fund it
- ❖ BA Michaelson reports Mayor Palmer extends thanks for everyone's support of the town's events
- ❖ Trust Fund for Soccer Club
 - Transfer of assets from Soccer Club to Borough
 - Need to find more information from auditors
 - Will have more info next meeting
 - Looking at Spring kickoff for soccer

New Business

- ❖ Octoberfest/Spotswood Day (10/8) (Cindy)
 - Mayor Palmer/Police Chief leading this (similar to National Night Out)
 - 13 food trucks confirmed
 - Need to figure out placement
 - Bounce house
 - Reach out to businesses/organizations in the community to hopefully chip in
 - 5:30-9:30 Friday, October 8th
 - REC Department could do a photo booth
 - Oriental Trading
 - Have different backdrops
 - About \$20-\$25
 - 2 volunteers to help with 50/50
 - 6 volunteers total needed (5 if Melissa is included)
 - REC voted to approve the purchase of table banner and photo backdrop

- ❖ Community Giving Program (Rich)
 - Partnering with community team; Approved by all attending

Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021

Municipal Courtroom 7 PM.