



Spotswood Recreation Department

Reaching Every Citizen

Meeting Minutes - September 8th, 2021

In Attendance - Rich O'Brien, Bob Hilse, John Lavelle, Angela Andre, Dan Hurley, Jim Curnal, Glen Betler

Call to Order (Rich O'Brien) (Called to order at 7:13 pm)

- Rich asked for a motion to approve the prior month's minutes (August).
 - Motion made by Angela, Bob seconded approval of last month's minutes
 - No one is opposed

Completed Programs and Events

- Summer Concert Series (Rich)
 - The feedback we received was that it was more of a quiet event,
 - It's up to the Mayor but maybe something that will continue in the future.

Status of Active Programs

- REC Newsletter (Melissa)
 - Agreed to move it from a monthly event to a quarterly event
 - Want to avoid being repetitive
 - Will confirm with Melissa at the next meeting that will be in November.
- Running Club/ 5K Race (Bob)
 - Focused on the upcoming 5K
 - Got the police and EMS on board to be there
 - Bob needs availability for around 7am
 - The timer will be set up at 7:30am so need to set up tables before then
 - Rich asks if Bob needs finance help- Bob says no
 - Diane got a hold of Dunkin' - they will provide munchkins.
 - Shoprite will donate water and fruit
 - Rich will get the coolers and fill them with ice
 - Around \$1100 income
 - Need all hands on deck
 - Getting $\frac{4}{5}$ volunteers from the high school
 - Rich, Bob, Jim, Dan, Melissa - yes. John- yes as of now. Angela- Maybe. Glen- no.
 - Fun Run starts at 8:30, 5K walkers go out at 8:45, 5K starts at 9
 - Bob needs to ask Melissa about the volunteers
 - Rich needs to ask Mr. DeAversano about the track team.



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Upcoming Programs and Events

- 9/11 Vigil (Group)
 - It is being held by the mayors and the Fire Department
 - Will be honoring Frank Yusko
 - The Rec department has no formal duty but Melissa is facilitating the event.
 - Diane is supplying the flags we have from Memorial day
 - It will be at 7:00PM on Saturday
- Octoberfest/Spotswood Day 10/8 (Cindy)
 - The flyer is up on the website
 - This event will be held on October 8
- Youth Basketball (Glen/Dan)
 - Glen has to start advertising and registration
 - Will begin in October
 - Dan agreed to help
 - Have to make sure the correct Covid protocol is in place
 - Masks must be worn
 - Do not attend if feeling under the weather
 - Diane got the facilities? Not sure.
 - Still have basketballs from last year
 - Rich will do the flyer
- Adult Basketball (Rich)
 - Diane got approval
 - Must touch base with Tom Liming
 - Don't need any more equipment
- Youth Floor Hockey (Bob)
 - Begins in October
 - Might be an issue because not yet confirmed with Memorial
 - Haven't heard back from the middle school coach
 - Glen will set up registration
 - Bob will keep everyone posted, but will give an answer before the flyer goes out
- Pumpkin Patch Give Away (Rich)
 - Saturday October 23
 - At Memorial Middle School
 - 12pm-2pm
 - Melissa asked for the pumpkins
 - Thinking the same amount as last year (around 100)
 - Need volunteers, Rich will send out an email



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- Trunk or Treat 10/30 (Rich)
 - Saturday October 30
 - In the SHS parking lot 5:30-7:30pm
 - People will bring their cars and decorate them
 - Kids will walk around to collect candy
 - There will be prizes for best cars
 - Need to find out the music source from Melissa
 - Need people for judges and crowd control
- Halloween Dance Party (Rich)
 - October 31
 - 4pm-7pm
 - Need Volunteers
 - Need people to judge costumes
- Drive in Movie (Dan)
 - Updated prices- 30ft screen about \$1000 for the whole package
 - Whole package- inflatable screen, projector, projector stand, FM transmitter allows cars to listen in
 - Must follow up with Diane
 - We should be good, it is in the budget, BA approved
 - Need the license to play the movie which is around \$300/\$400 depending on the film chosen
 - Won't happen until next spring

Unfinished Business

- Rutgers Certification (Rich)
 - Will get done in October
 - It will be for people who are 18+ years old
 - Rich will advertise for it
- CPR/AED
 - Ed Shapely will have it held on October 9
 - Location and time will come out soon
 - Rich, Glen, Jim, Bob, Angela will attend
 - Rich will confirm with Ed, but it will be about 2.5 hours
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New Business

- 3 positions will be up for next years' Board leadership (Rich)
 - Chair, Vice Chair, Communications Liaison
 - Rich will not be a nominee
 - Bob might be



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- The nominees are selected in Nov. for an election in Dec.
- There are no multi-year terms, new leadership is elected annually
- Cornhole League (Bob)
 - Looking to possibly start up a cornhole league for adults
 - It did well at the Knights of Columbus
 - It moved to the Polish American Club on Thursday with good attendance
 - Alcohol is a factor
 - Agree to explore it some more, do some research
 - Need boards, board pads, bean bags, location, sponsorship, score system
 - Jim says if it worked a lot of people would enjoy it
 - Rich says it is a good idea
 - About \$65 per set for the boards
 - Could use a school gym
 - John asks if it will be a weekly thing where you just show up, pay and play or if you sign up and pay all in the beginning for a certain amount of weeks
 - Decide it will be at the beginning because there needs to be a sense of the amount of guests
 - Need to partner with the schools
 - Worth exploring
- Soccer Club
 - Getting the equipment back from the trailer (Angela)
 - Rich says we do have some space in our shed
 - Looking to salvage the goals, cones, and pinnies
 - First must access the trailer
 - Then put the leftovers in the shed
 - The shed at the High School belongs to the High School, but we can ask to access it
 - Haven't heard back from the BA, but will reach out

Adjourn

- Angela Motions
- Dan seconds it
- Meeting done at 7:56 P.M.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2021 at the Courtroom

Location: Municipal Courtroom 7pm