



Spotswood Recreation Department

Reaching Every Citizen

Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2021

Attendance: Rich O'Brien, Bob Hilse, Marylin Israel, Jim Curnal, Ed Lesko, Ryan Michelson, Mayor Palmer, Angela Andre, Dan Hurley, Diane Spiegelhoff, Lorraine Schneider

Call to order: Rich called meeting to order at 7:04 pm

- Rich asked for motion to approve prior month's minutes
- Motion made by Jim, seconded by Bob, motion approved.

Completed programs and events

5K on September 18th

- Total of 130 runners.
- Walkers went out early as a group, and it was staggered so that they had time to go before the runners went out.
- Weren't enough runners for the fun run but there was a very good turnout by the SHS track and field team.

Octoberfest

- We received a report from Melissa that the event went very well and was well attended.
- The photo booth that we offered was great.
- This event had 11 food trucks, a Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck, and a beer truck.
- This was a good event, especially since we did not have National Night Out this year.

Status of Active Programs

Running Club (Bob)

- Running Club is up and running
 - Currently working on another event or challenge in the near future.

Youth Basketball Program (Dan)

- Began at Memorial School at 7 on Oct. 12, with 22 children enrolled.

- 15 attended on the first night, Tues. Oct. 12.

Community Giving Tree (Rich)

- Rich will set up a schedule of time slots on Sat. mornings from Nov. 13 to Dec. 11 from 10 to 12 noon so that we can sign up to take donations for this worthy cause.
- We supported this project last year and took donations from many on Saturday mornings.

Upcoming Programs and events

Floor Hockey

- Floor Hockey will begin on Monday, Oct. 18 at Appleby School for 4 to 7th graders, and Memorial for 8th grade and up.
- Right now there are a total of 16 enrolled, so we will get the word out via social media.

Pumpkin Path Pickup

- Pumpkin Patch Pickup is Scheduled for Sat. Oct. 23rd from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M. at the Memorial School Drive.
- Pumpkins are being donated this year by Shop Rite and we are asking for 150 pumpkins.
 - DPW will handle the pickup.
 - We will have set up from 11 to 12, and need help with distribution from 12 to 2 P.M.

Trunk or Treat

- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 30 from 6 to 8, cars will be allowed in to set up at 5:30.
- Diane will purchase candy for distribution and Marilyn will provide a car to be decorated for the occasion.
- DJ Wacky Wayne will provide music
- OEM will provide light towers for better lighting
- Diane will order trophies for the best trunks.

Halloween Dance Party

- Halloween Dance Party at SHS cafetorium Halloween evening Oct. 31 5 to 7 pm
- Music and Motion will provide the music.
- There will be pizza from Dominos.
- PTA will provide water and cookies.

- Diane will order trophies.
- This event provides a safe alternative on Halloween night for all.

Unfinished Business

Soccer Program

- The trailer has been cleaned up
 - Found soccer balls, netting, etc. that are in good shape
 - This equipment has been moved by DPW to our shed until a new space can be acquired.
- Possible new storage space may be in the trailer behind SHS.
 - Sal is working on an inventory list.

CPR/AED

- Date is set for Sat. November 6 at Municipal Building.
- Officer Schapley will run the class for those who need the training.
- Members need to let Rich know by Friday, Oct. 15 if they plan on attending.

Rutgers Certification

- Rich will run the class on November 20th.
 - It is a 3-hour class
 - He will also look into someone on the board taking the Clinician training class to teach the Certification Class.
 - Bob is interested in helping.

Elections In November

- Will take nominations for the December elections.
- Rich is currently the Chair
 - Rich is not accepting a nomination for the December elections
- Bob is currently the Vice Chair

New Business

Budget

- Due Nov. 10 for 2022.
- Rich and Diane will prepare for submission and welcome any input from members on specific areas of interest.

Indoor Soccer 2020

- John Lavelle has agreed to run the program that Steve Z. ran for many years.

- Will advertise in November.
- Need a program coordinator to be at Memorial Gym on Saturday to monitor the program.
- Will also need a few referees to assist with the program.

Tree Lighting

- Will be Sat. Dec. 4 and Marilyn has volunteered to dress up as Mrs. Claus.
- This lighting is our 30th year.
- Will formulate the committee to plan and will need nominations for someone to be our honorary tree lighter.

Santa Ride

- Will work out the event with the Spotswood Fire Dept.
- Looking at Dec. 18, rain date Dec. 19 for the ride.
- There will be 3 trucks and Recreation members will be on one
- Will need a Santa volunteer for that truck.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm. The next meeting will be on Nov. 10 at 7 pm in the Court Room.