

Harrington Park Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023 8:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

Rob Hwang opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call

COMMISSION Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Thomas Donnelly		x
Jennifer Fischer	x	
Robert Hwang	x	
Mahdad Parsi	x	
Ashley Plescia	X 8:45 pm	
Matthew Saland		x
Councilwoman Chung	x	
Lara Toomin, Recreation Director		x

Carolyn Lee is taking minutes as Marti is out of town.

Minutes March 2023 Mahdad moved to accept, second Jennifer. All in favor.
Carried.

Upcoming Events

Fishing Derby This will be held on June 17, and it will be run by Jennifer. It will be 9:00 to 11:00. There will be trophies for the biggest and most fish in each age group. Jennifer will reach out to Kelly to ask whether Megan Oh wants to donate a prize in honor of Roger. Jennifer will order some fishing rods to have on hand for those who have breaks, etc. She will also order extra hooks. Joon reminder

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Jennifer that we have an Amazon account. Jennifer will be there. Rob might be there but isn't sure. Who will get the fish? Joon will ask Kelly. Jennifer will reach out to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, HP Stir, and

Town Day We need to have a Town Day committee meeting. Rob, Joon, Ashley, and Mahdad will be on the committee. Tom will be asked to arrange the food and DJ. Marti will do the donations.

Park Monitoring (Prior to Meeting Each Month to Allow for Reporting at Meeting)

Joon said that the grass is really overgrown on the field at Pondsider. The DPW mows on Thursdays. Rob pointed out that we pay to use the indoor space (gym) because of the custodial staff overtime, but the school does not pay the Rec Commission for the use of Pondsider. Basketball and soccer split the cost of the custodial staff.

Pondsider

Highland Field Re Field Pro: DPW and Rec met with Nat. Fields will be given a rest so that work can be done on the field. Rob asked what the process is for communicating about field maintenance, when work is not done. Joon suggested that the commissioners reach out to Mahdad, who will reach out to the DPW Supervisor. Mahdad and Rob will have a meeting with the DPW Supervisor. No one else should communicate the DPW—everything should go through Mahdad.

George Street Scott Tuminello resent a quote for \$27,000, with HP providing labor and his foreman overseeing. We now have \$65,000 so it has to go out to bid if the cost is over \$44,000. Ashley will communicate with the CFO.

HP School Ashley shared that her daughter got her foot stuck on the playground and that it was very dangerous. She was only able to get it loose with the help of two moms. Ashley will let the school know so that they can address it.

Beechwood

Don Horsey

Columbus

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Grants/Budgets Tennis courts: courts that are tucked into the trees will be redone. The courts closer to the street can be tiled perhaps. Joon pointed out that the Open Space funds are very low. So, if additional funds are used for tennis, there will not be anything to use of ball fields. Discussion. Could some of the George Street playground money be used to paint the other tennis courts? Joon will ask, but it was specifically earmarked for the George Street Playground improvement. The first amount of money has to be used this year.

Concerning the ball fields, a proposal has been given for \$19,000 to fix the drainage issue. Rob would like to redirect the \$87,000 to ball fields. Rob moved to redirect the money to Highland Field upgrades. All in favor.

Other Items/Updates

Basketball courts Matt got bids, but they are over the \$44,000 threshold.

Pickleball The residents who are interested want there to be lines on the court. We will paint lines when the court is resurfaced. Discussion about the noise.

Roles and Responsibilities Should sports commissioners be asked to come to the meetings and sports boards be created? Responsibilities for commissioners, Rec Commission, and sports director vary by sport, so this should be discussed.

Krista Milano wants to have softball be able to go to a Mets game and open it to everyone.

Mahdad is ordering lights for Highland and will bill it to the grant.

Adjourn Rob moved to adjourn, second Ashley. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:30pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 14 at 8:00 pm