

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Present: Lauren Osterman, Lorelei Christensen, Ginny Gertling, Veronica Bisson, Jess Odell, Nathan Lavertue (Town Board Liaison), Nicole Clanahan (phoned in), Charlotte Haims (phoned in)

Absent: Mike Denatale

Meeting begins at 7:34 PM

Haunted Fortress has opened for the season and has a good turnout so far, they are looking for more volunteers for acting.

Pavilion Rentals:

Ginny and Charlotte had begun research on surrounding local pavilions to see their processes and fees. They explained that some Towns have better processes than others. Dover's website has a full contract and can be booked online. There is also major differences between Towns. LaGrange has a \$125 deposit, signed rental form, certificate of liability, and appears to be very organized. Clinton Corners is also very organized and user-friendly, their rentals are \$200 for residents and \$300 for non-residents and has access to swimming, playground, and electricity. Pine Plains pavilion is first come, first serve. Millerton has their rentals online and is \$50 to rent the pavilion, but there is no access to swimming, but a playground, bathrooms, and electricity. Millbrook has 2 pavilion options, the small one is \$175 for residents, \$225 for residents, the large one is \$225 for residents, and \$375 for non-residents, and the price increases with the size of the party. LaGrange has a main pavilion and a small pavilion, they have set rules, a kitchen, and ranges in price from \$175 - \$225, and can hold up to 750 people, but does not include swimming. Red Hook does not charge to use their pavilion. MyRec website seems to be a common factor among Recreation programs and rental systems. The Commission discussed potentially having a different rate during summer operating hours, and if there should be rules for music, and if a DJ or Bounce House would require insurance. Lorelei mentioned that an additional pavilion may be a focus of the capital campaign committee moving forward.

Next Fall: Ideas for programming include a spooky walk around the walking path of the Rec and a cemetery scavenger hunt.

The Capital Campaign Committee has brought up lighting for the park, but Lauren questioned if the Town Code outlines the operating hours of the Rec as dawn to dusk because then lighting

should not be a factor if the park is closed at dusk. The Capital Campaign Committee needs more responses from their most recent survey.

Lauren is looking for a hand-me-down fridge or two for the Rec because the current snack shed one froze over and is not in good shape.

The Commission discussed a possible float for the Parade of Lights on December 7.

The Commission is looking into more winter activities, potentially a dance party for toddlers or some kind of formal for young kids.

Lorelei motioned to approve the September 11 meeting minutes. Jess seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Ginny motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jess seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is November 13 at 6:30 PM