



Spotswood Recreation Department

Reaching Every Citizen

Meeting Minutes- August 12, 2020

In attendance: Steve Zmijewski, Donna Faulkenberry, Bob Hilse, Diane Spiegelhoff, Glen Betler, Andrew Zaborney, Melissa Hallerman, Rich O'Brien, Angela Andre, Cindy Alongi

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Minutes from the July meeting: No corrections were to be made. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Andrew seconded, and all were in favor.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Italian Ice Fest
 - Good event similar to the zeppoles fest, while next time it needs to be emphasized that it wasn't just for kids, it was successful and sports teams practicing appreciated it
 - Music was great again

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS

- Running/Athletic Club
 - Going good as usual, the step challenge had a lot more participants than the weight challenge
 - The money for the prizes is ready and set aside
- Budget Update
 - 3 vendors are waiting to be paid but will be shortly
 - Look into bigger projects within the community that could be funded

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Virtual 5K Race
 - All of the information is out and around 14 people have signed up
 - Lawn signs will be done by the beginning of the next week and Cindy and Diane offered to pass around flyers for the race
 - Bob made a list off the sponsors that have not responded yet to reach out and ask when any updates will be given

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Bylaws Committee
 - Motion made by Donna to accept new bylaws for the year of 2020. Steve seconded, all were in favor
 - After the formatting is completed they will be sent to the group, idea to make this an annual meeting to update them
- REC Youtube Channel
 - Going to have to clear with Dawn that it is okay, but the idea of the channel is to take pictures and videos during our events and posting them to share more with the town
- Car Show
 - Overall decided to come back to the idea next year, there is too many things that could go wrong with social distancing and crowd control
- Fall Discussion
 - After checking with several health boards and other towns decisions on fall youth sports the following conclusions were made:
 - T-ball will be cancelled due to it being a hands on activity for both the instructors with the children and the children with the equipment
 - Basketball and Hockey will be cancelled due to location and timing
 - Trunk or treat is on! This is going to be a big event that will hopefully involve the PTA and several other groups in town (fire department, police, etc.) Overall plan is to host it on Halloween, decorate the entire strip of road in front of the high school like a haunted house, have multiple candy stops similar to house stops, and possibly provide community service for high school students
 - Sub- committee for Trunk or Treat has Diane as chair, Donna as sub-chair, and volunteers Angela, Cindy, Melissa, and Steve
- Program Booklet
 - Only electronic, going to be smaller this year due to less activities, and will include the QR code for the virtual 5K

NEW BUSINESS

- Drive-In Movie
 - Going to use Premier Event for the equipment with an estimate at about \$2540 and a movie license estimate at around \$600
 - Worth it to research the equipment prices and possibly purchase if the movie nights are successful
 - Need to go to the school district and then the Borough to make sure that the outdoor movie night is approved first.
- Giving Tree Program
 - Motion to begin collecting for two different shelters at Recreation events made by Melissa. Donna seconded, all were in favor.
- Virtual REC Ideas

- Spotswood REC Quest
 - Idea to create a scavenger-type game for families/individuals to participate in around town. The point of the game would be for people to travel around different areas of town (monuments, parks, etc.) and post pictures on Facebook and the Youtube channel
- September Saturdays in the Park
 - This would not be a specific event, but more of an encouragement to go to Spotswood parks and use a hashtag for pictures. The point would be getting people to our parks and out of their houses on Saturdays
- Pumpkin Patch
 - Idea for around Halloween to do a drive through pumpkin pickup (possible vendor: Farmer Al?) and have participants carve their pumpkins and place them on their doorstep (maybe a contest?)
- Turkey Hunt
 - Send out turkey decoration to complete and put outside, then could spot different turkeys around town

****PTA has nothing planned as of now, so no overstepping in sight****

- REC Newsletter
 - Running a newsletter to reach every citizen in town with information for seniors, healthy recipes (Healthy Bytes), tips for wellness and mental health, and ways to stay connected during quarantine and socially distant learning
 - A lot of parents do not know how to help their kids when stressed, so reaching out to the schools wouldn't be a bad idea to help gather information as well.
- Tree Lighting
 - Going to plan it for the first Saturday in December, call for a meeting around labor day and mostly go through what a social distant/ 2020 tree lighting will look like.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn at 8:34. Bob seconded, all were in favor.