

Closter Recreation Commission Meeting minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 7:30pm

Location: Closter Borough Hall/2nd Floor

Attendees: Chris Haray, Maryann Denner, James Thompson, Paul Nyfenger, Steve Potterton, Brian Beddoe, Jim Oettinger, Wayne Sabo, Liz Carpanzano, Nick Cervino, Eric Baker, Jake Vinson, Joe Yammarino, Tom Antoshak, Nancy Reilly, Derek Short, Bev Mackeen

Called to Order: 7:36pm

Meeting agenda:

- Pledge of Allegiance Jim Oettinger
- Review Dec Meeting notes Jim Oettinger
- Paul Nyfenger quickly submitted a Motion to elect a Closter Rec Commission Secretary, and since Liz Carpanzano arrived with paper and a pen – she was nominated.
- 2017 Closter Recreation proposed meeting dates provided to attendees Jim Oettinger

Meet our two new members and NEW council Liaison..... Jim Oettinger

- New Members:
Liz Carpanzano & Jeffery Lee
- New Council Liaison Joe Yammarino

Review Meeting dates April 15th, 2017 Jim Oettinger

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Closter Memorial Park (back playground) 10am SHARP.
- April 23rd, 2017 (Sunday) 12:30pm arrival, 12:50pm parade start SHARP
Opening day Parade for Little League and Girls Softball. 12:30 forming behind borough hall.
Parade starts 12:50 SHARP, proceeds thru the center of town to the George Potterton Little League Field for opening day ceremonies. ***We request Mayor Glidden throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the new season.***

Annual Joe Accordino Jr. Memorial Fishing Contest. (co-sponsored by the Closter PBA.)

- May 13th, 2017 (Saturday) 9am-12noon @ Ruckmond Pond

June/July 2017 Summer Concert Series at the Closter Lions Band Shell at Memorial Park

- NEW THIS YEAR- Friday nights @ 7:30pm June 16, 23, July 7, July 14, 2017

Closter Coaches Association Barbecues & Softball Games (*At all events I would like to ask permission to serve beer to the coaches.)

- Memorial Day Weekend: Friday May 26th 2017 @ 7pm (Rain date Saturday May 27th @ 4:00pm)
- July 4th Weekend: Friday June 30th 2017 @ 7pm (Rain date Saturday July 1st, 2017 @ 4:00pm)

- Labor Day Weekend: Friday Sept. 1st, 2017 @ 7pm (Rain date Saturday Sept. 2nd, 2017 @ 4pm)

Annual Halloween Parade

- Oct 29th, 2017. @ 12:30 forming behind borough hall. Parade starts 12:50 SHARP, proceeds thru the center of town to Tenakill School for Costume judging and candy bag distributions.

Winter Sports Updates

- Derrick Short reiterated concern for slip Tenakill Gymnasium flooring which poses slip hazard. It was discussed amongst members and confirmed by Chris Haray that in previous winter season Tenakill maintenance would maintain floor between every other game to reduce level of dust which enhances the slip hazard. Jim Oettinger will bring this information to the Closter BOE to review.
- Eric Baker advised that current coaches as well as parent coaches have really stepped up this year.

Challenger Sports

- It has been determined that assistance is needed at both Hillside and Tenakill locations for this wonderful program. Derek Short asked for clarification as to age requirement for assistance and Jim Oettinger confirmed 6th grade and above. D. Short advised that he will encourage his travel basketball team to participate moving forward.

Ski Club

- Per Nancy Reilly, feedback from recent trip was that all participants had a great experience and host site for this event noted that the entire group “was very well behaved and respectful...” .
- The only noted complaint at this time was regarding the transportation as the DVD player in the bus did not work and it was too warm during transit.

Baseball Softball Registration

- Letter to go home with students on 1/20/17 regarding registration for Spring Baseball/Softball with early bird rate to be between 1/20/17 – 2/25/17.

Full Day Summer Rec program

- Letter to the public to go out on 1/11/17
- Adam Sidrow & Joann Puleo (2 current Tenakill teachers) are to be key players in running this program.
- Bev Mackeen inquired how security checks on staff/counselors would be conducted. Response was that current teachers are already vetted and any others the Rec Commission would work with our Police Department for any needed background checks.
- High School students (with minimum completion of Freshman year) will be consider to bridge the gap needed for the counselor to camper ratio currently set at 1 to 8.
- As of this evening 1/10/17, per Nancy Reilly, 44 campers have been registered, some of which have paid the full fee.

Open Discussion:

- Jim O. advised that initial preparation for Ruckman Field Lights to begin on Thursday 1/12/17
- Beefsteak tickets are available for sale, all members asked to continue to spread the word.
- Lacrosse clinic flyer, run by the NVD HS coach, will be shared and promoted thru the Closter Rec Commission. (Field Hockey may also be included.)

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15pm