

Ardsley Parks & Recreation
May 9, 2023

The May 9th Parks & Recreation meeting began at 5 PM. In attendance were Trish Lacy, Andy DiJusto, Lorraine Kuhn and Mona Swanson. Minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting will be posted on the Recreation Commission webpage.

Old Business:

Men's Softball:

Men's Softball is in its fourth week of play and everything is running smoothly. One team was unable to continue, but was replaced by another team to keep the League balanced.

Annual 5K Race:

Ardsley's 2nd Annual 5K Race was an amazing event. There was a total of 199 runners & walkers participating. Super Race Systems did an excellent job. Many thanks to Ardsley Police, DPW, ASVAC and AHS Track Coach Henry Leone and the AHS Track Team. Thank you to all the volunteers including the Dinaso family, Mayor Kaboolian, Trustee DiJusto, Youth Advocate Amanda Casey, Chess Teacher Kan, and Rooji Agarwal from the Cricket League.

MDI Holi:

The Multicultural Diversity & Inclusion Committee ran another successful Holi Celebration at Pascone Park. There were over 400 people attending and everyone had a great time.

Seniors:

Seniors continue to be a busy group. This month's activities include a movie, Bingo with pizza served, and trivia games with lunch. They are taking a trip to Pizza & Brew, and there will be a Barbecue at the Community Center.

Youth Advocate:

Helper and Friday Open Rec programs continue to be successful with 10 to 12 students attending regularly.

Facilities Report:

The Community Center continues to be well rented. To date, revenue taken in is over \$21,000. Park & Field rentals have taken in over \$17,000 in revenue

Upcoming Programs:

Friday Food Truck Event:

Our Friday Food Truck event is taking place on May 12th at Pascone Park. There are 5 food trucks, and Bona Bona Ice Cream truck. SMR Tavern may be there. Extra rest room facilities, including a handicapped-accessible Port-a-Potty, are being provided. There will be live music, blow up houses and slides, a tattoo artist and the night will finish off with fireworks

Memorial Day Parade:

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday May 29th. Parade begins at the intersection of Park Avenue and Ashford Avenue, and steps off at 10 AM.

Summer Concerts-in-the-Park:

Concert banners will go up on Monday at Pascone Park and at the intersection of Ashford Avenue and Route 9A.

Pride Day:

Pride Day will be held on June 10th. Cars will meet at Pascone Park and a caravan will continue on Ashford Avenue to Dobbs Ferry. Celebration will be held in Dobbs Ferry.

Juneteenth:

The Juneteenth Celebration will be held on June 17th from 2 to 5 PM at Pascone Park. There will be live music and dancers. It was suggested that a tent with enclosed sides be put up at a corner of the Park to provide a quiet space for Challenged children to be able to take breaks from the activities. Officer Vacca may be able to borrow a tent from Northwell.

New Business:**Peekskill Festival:**

The Peekskill Festival featuring Pony Rides was discussed. Rides cost \$20 per ride. Vendors cleaned up after the ponies, and they had rest breaks. They walked on asphalt covered with hay. People posed for pictures with the ponies. It was suggested that we might look into a traveling Petting Zoo as well.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 12 at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Kuhn