

Minutes from October 19, 2023 Recreation Commission Meeting. The meeting was held at 7pm at Village Hall.

In attendance were Chair Jeff Amato, Commission members Matt DeGraff, James Curley-Egan, Leslie Leonard, Alexandra Laurino, Events Coordinator Lillian Moser and Ann Bouchard.

Applications

1. Split Rock Books/Alexandra Laurino - Book Reading at the Tots Park. October 29, 2023 9-11:30am. Alexandra Laurino had spoken to Chair Amato about the Insurance for this event. Chair Amato recommended that since Alexandra was organizing the event, it could be sponsored by the Rec Commission like they have volleyball and yoga at Mayor's Park. The Commission agreed to this set up for the event.

Other Business

Mariel Scherer - Is looking to do Interval Training workouts for free. Chair Amato is coordinating with Mariel to have these events sponsored by the Rec. This would begin in Spring 2024 and be held at either the Waterfront, Mayor's Park or McConville Park.

After speaking with the Tree Advisory Board it was decided that tree trimming would be put on hold until funding was available.

Friends of Philipstown will be having one of their major fundraisers coming up. The Castle to River Run will be on October 22. We have received an official commitment to use their 501c3 for fundraising.

Alexandra Laurino was formally welcomed to the Rec Commission. She spent some time talking about improvements to the Tots Parks as a member of the Tots Park Board. Examples included the Butterfly Garden and the purchase of a Sail Shade. She is a Special Education Teacher and has 2 children.

The Eagle Scout Project for the Waterfront is set to be on the 10/26 or 11/1 Village Board Agenda. Mayor Foley has offered to help with coordinating between the Eagle Scout and the Historic Review Board. The proposed dog park at Mayor's Park will also be presented to the Village Board for approval. There may also be a discussion on the code updates at that meeting.

The idea of an Ice Rink was brought up again at McConville Park near the 9-11 Memorial. It would be a 60 ft x 40 ft do it yourself project and should cost about \$1,500.00. Chair Amato will speak with the Town Rec about their ice rink and how they address opening and closing, insurance, etc.

Chair Amato would like to begin looking at the short and long term goals in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. This would be worked on during the winter months when things slow down.

The Commission is looking at the Tree Lighting being held either December 2nd or 9th, depending upon availability of the CSFC and Santa.

The Minutes from the September 29, 2023 meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by L. Moser