



BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

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**Recreation Department
Vincent Whitehead, Chairman
MINUTES-September 16, 2021
Recreation Meeting 6:30pm**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm

Vincent Whitehead called the meeting to order.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Vinny Whitehead, Councilman Murphy, Councilman Crowley, Claire Kozić, Sue Curry, Dan Sutton, Brandon Raper, Candy Veth and Nathan Boms

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councilman Boms, Zack Brown and Morgan Spicer

Vinny Whitehead made a motion to approve the minutes for July 26, 2021, second by Councilman Murphy. All agreed by voice.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was an invoice in the amount of \$1443.00 for Soccer Equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none

YOUTH COMMISION REPORT: Nathan Boms reported that Recreation Soccer started last week. There were several volunteers for coaches and referees. Councilman Boms made a generous donation and purchased new equipment for the referees. The committee thanked Councilman Boms.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 1. Recreation Soccer:** Councilman Murphy reported the league started last week. There have been some missed practices due to weather, but it's off to a great start.
- 2. Halloween Parade:** Councilman Murphy stated that the Halloween parade is going to be on October 30th at 1:00pm. Participants will start lining up in the harbor at 12:30pm for a 1:00pm start time. Councilman Murphy volunteered to chair the event. Councilman Crowley, Brandon, Claire and Candy all offered to help with the parade. The committee will come up with categories to judge the participants. Councilman Murphy will reach out to local business for prizes for the winners.
- 3. Halloween Home Decorating:** Mrs. Kozić volunteered to chair the event. Mrs. Kozić will send out a flyer and compile a list of all of the addresses so other members can drive around and judge the contest. Mrs. Kozić will reach out to local businesses for prizes.

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4. **Christmas Event:** Mrs. Veth suggested having a Christmas parade with a choir. Mrs. Veth suggested reaching out to the Henry Hudson Choir and Band. Mrs. Veth also suggested speaking to the Chamber of Commerce to get local businesses involved and suggested doing a scavenger hunt throughout the businesses. Mr. Whitehead suggested to Candy that she collect more information and the committee will discuss it further at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Summer Recreation:** Mrs. Curry thanked Shannon Forbes for stepping up as camp director. Mrs. Curry reported Mr. Tatum was unable to fulfill the last week of camp. Going forward that cannot happen. The director needs to be there all six weeks, without question. Mrs. Curry suggested having a camp director hired earlier in the year to give them a better opportunity to plan the summer camp with themed weeks and events. Mrs. Curry reported all of the counselors did a fantastic job and overall the feedback from camp was positive. Mrs. Curry also suggested having more adults on the waterpark trip.
2. **Park Fest:** Councilman Crowley reported overall Park Fest was great success. They were able to provide each charity with \$800.00. Next year, Councilman Crowley would like to advertise better and make the event later in the day with less bands. For the first year all members agreed it went well.
3. **Movie Nights:** Councilman Crowley asked for a few volunteers for the last movie night to help assemble and dismantle the equipment. Mrs. Kozic, Mrs. Curry and Councilman Murphy offered to help. Councilman Crowley thanked Mr. Parmigiani for all his help throughout the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fall Garage Sale:** All members agreed the fall garage sale has never been successful. With such a busy October schedule all members agreed a fall garage sale is not a good idea. Mrs. Kozic made a motion to not have the fall garage sale second by Mrs. Curry. All agreed by voice.
2. **Field Hockey:** Councilman Murphy has received requests from parents asking for a field hockey clinic. Councilman Murphy stated there is a big difference in the teams Henry Hudson plays that offers these sports at an earlier age. Councilman Murphy would like to see recreation work with the programs that are offered at Hudson to get kids started at an earlier age.

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Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Kozic both agreed. Councilman Murphy will create a Facebook pole to see if there is an interest before setting up the program. Councilman Crowley offered to do the pole.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zack Brown, 16 Victorian Woods Drive, questioned if there are any adult sports offered. Mrs. Kozic explained there is a women's softball league and she also put together a pickle ball tournament. Councilman Murphy stated in the past the adult sports do not have a good turnout.

ADJOURN: Vinny Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the meeting second by Councilman Murphy at 8:00pm. All members agreed by voice.

**Kelly Snyder
Recording Secretary**