

**Mount Kisco Recreation Commission**  
**ZOOM Meeting Minutes –November 10, 2021**

***Attendance: {check all present}***

Linda Cindrich \_x\_    Kathy Feeney \_x\_    Christy McGinn \_\_\_ab\_\_\_  
Eileen Polese \_\_\_ab\_\_\_    Kim Terlizzi \_\_\_ab\_\_\_    Gallo Trujillo \_\_\_x\_    Bob Byrns \_x\_  
Kyle Thornton \_x\_  
Leonard Park Committee: None  
Other: None

Meeting called to order @ 7:01pm

***Minutes of Meeting: Review minutes of October 13, 2021(enclosed)***

Motion to accept minutes by Bob Byrns.

Seconded by Gallo Trujillo.

All in favor.

⇒ ***Review of Income and Expenses (enclosed):***

Kyle reported that revenue has slowed down but stated that revenue should be climbing up because we are making a push for the winter programs starting soon. Expenses- nothing out of the ordinary a couple of lights that need to be fix and everything is looking good so far.

***Superintendent's Report***

⇒ **Pool Update**

Kyle stated it is almost completely cleaned up. Took down all the lifeguard stands and Jose is building the new lifeguard stands. Kyle stated that he is looking for a company to acid wash the Main Pool because it is stained and looks dirty. If we don't acid wash it Kyle is looking into painting it but once painted there is no going back. Kyle wants to make sure that Recreation will have the funds in 2023 to resurface the pool and that spending the funds to either acid wash or paint in 2022 it would not jeopardize this. Kyle reported that he sent out a pool survey this week to try and get an understanding for what people thought of the pool. He reported that he wanted residents input about the fees and pricing. The response that he receive were "fair" to "expensive". Nobody thought that the pool was a bargain. Kyle also wanted to know what people thought about the look of the pool. Most of the feedback was that the pool looked dirty. Bob asked if Jose would paint it. Kyle responded that it would be a team effort and basically only have 1 day to paint.

## *Superintendent's Report cont...*

### ⇒ Parks Update

The East of Hudson project has been completed. The overflow basins have plantings around them. Kyle reported that he is trying to clean up the park, removing leaves and tiding it up at this time. Both Linda and Kathy agreed that the fields look good.

### ⇒ Program Update

Kyle stated that the fall programming is coming to an end and then there will be a push for winter programming. Kyle stated that there wasn't a lot of programs that ran during the fall and he has been speaking with George about doing more email blasts, posts on facebook, and newsletter flyer sent to the schools. Winter Basketball is very low. Kyle stated that there are only 2 teams at this time. Kyle stated that there is going to be many emails sent out starting Monday. Kathy asked who is teaching the basketball program. Kyle stated that George is teaching and is also the coordinator for the Inter-Community league. Bob questioned how many different ages groups are there. Kyle reported there is a 4&5 grade team and 6 & 7 grade team. There is no enrollment for the 2&3 grade team at this time.

### ⇒ Brochure Update

Kyle stated that he has had George working on the brochure for the last few weeks. Kyle gave George new vendors to work with and for him to also get this brochure completed. Kyle stated that George has been working on it almost daily to try and get it to work. Kyle would like it done by mid-January so that it can be reviewed and edited and have it available in February. Linda suggested to meet with George weekly to make sure that it is on scheduled. Kyle stated it already been emailed to Gail and Liz. Bob asked if the brochure would be strictly online. Kyle stated that with covid he thought that it would be best to do it only online at this time. The Fall/Winter 2022 he is hopeful to have it mailed out. Bob suggests to set up a link in emails so people can get the information easily. Bob said that he could help set it up so you could actually view the brochure online as a turn page booklet.

### ⇒ Halloween Event

Kyle reported that instead of doing it downtown he moved it to the Memorial Pool Complex in the hallway. He stated that he thought that it went well even though it rained and because of early voting in the gym he was not able to use that space. Kyle is hoping to grow the event and to bring it back downtown in the Promenade. He would like a bounce castle and also have a rain location. Linda stated that it didn't seem fair to use the Complex for voting.

***Old/Unfinished Business:***

⇒ First Responders Discount

Kyle stated that he is still looking for some recommendations from the Rec. Commission of what kind of discount they would like to do for Fire and Ambulance members for camp and/or pool. Bob suggested a 25% discount for camp. However, it is expensive to run camp. Kathy suggested a discount for programs so we could have more participants. Linda stated that many of the first responders do not live in the town and therefore they would not utilize this discount. Bob suggested not to have a discount for programs. Kyle stated that most of the surrounding towns do not have a discount for programming, they only offer a discount for pool only and some offer a discount for camp. Kathy suggested to have a discount for programs but Kyle stated that because we outsource many of the programs we offer we would lose too much. Linda proposed for a 25% for pool discount and a 10% for camp discount. Motion to accept by Kathy to accept that. Seconded by Bob. All in favor.

***New Business:***

⇒ Camp 2022 Proposed Fees

Travel Camp- Kyle is proposing to keep the fees the same as 2019 and 2020. Kyle is using the expenses on the high end to make sure it runs within budget. Bob questioned how many people the bus can accommodate. Kyle reported that the bus can accommodate 40 campers and 5 staff members. Bob questioned the grades of the children eligible to join the Teen Travel Camp- 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders. Linda wanted to know what fee was necessary in order to break even for the 6 weeks of camp. Kyle presented a spreadsheet for the break down. Linda wanted to know that if all the admission tickets weren't used do you still have to pay for them. Kyle explained that some trips are paid in advance to reserve the date and time. Some trips are paid with use a purchase order so you only pay for the exact admission. Linda suggested to leave the Teen Travel fees as follows; \$1,600. for residents, \$1,850. for children in the school district and \$2,150. for nonresidents. Linda made a motion to accept the fees as stated. Seconded by Bob. All in favor.

### *New Business cont....:*

#### ⇒ Proposed Pool Fees

Kyle had handed out the Proposed 2022 Pool Fees prior to meeting. He reported that he had lower some of the fees to try and get more people to join the pool based on a survey that he did with the surrounding pool fees. He would like to offer an Early Bird fee for residents if they purchase a pool fee prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested a Resident Youth Pass for \$100. down from \$140. Resident Adult Pass \$175. down from \$225. Senior Resident Pass \$75. down from \$105. Resident Family \$400. down from \$450. Kyle stated that he had a lot of requests for a Caregiver Pass \$275. but they must be accompanied by a child. Kyle would like to have a nonresident pool permit for \$750. Kyle stated that he raised the Daily Passes to what the fees were prior to 2019. He also wants to reinstate the 10 Visit Punch Card for Residents Only at a fee of \$80. Kyles' goal is to have more people use the pool. He stated that he along with Jose have put many hours into making the pool and surrounding areas look, clean and inviting to the residents. Bob stated that he thinks that it is a marketing issue why people are not joining the pool and that he thinks it is key to the success in the spring. Motion to accept the pool pass registration fees by Bob. Seconded by Gallo. All in favor.

#### Camp Fees

Kyle wants to eliminated the Early Bird Camp because only a handful of children signed up for it. Kyle instead he would like to have the drop off time at 8:30am and pick up at 3:00 instead of 3:30/3:45. Extended Day from 3:00-6:00 with a max number of 50. Session I-7 weeks first child Early Bird \$1,025. Second child Early Bird \$ 975. 2 Trips/entertainers/pool permit all fees would be included. Kyle would like to table this issue so the commission can study the proposed fees and vote via email.

#### ⇒ Post and Rail

Kyle stated that the maintenance and upkeep for the post and rail at the park is time consuming. He is proposing not to have the post and rail because of the time that it takes to mow and then weed wack around them. Linda is opposed to removing the post and rail. Linda questioned if there than wouldn't be barrier from the road to the grassy areas. Kyle responded that there would not be any barrier. Linda does not like that idea.

### *New Business cont....:*

#### ⇒ Meeting Dates

Kyle presented a suggested Rec. Commission Meeting Dates through May, 2022. All in agreement. Leonard Park Committee meeting was canceled due to lack of participation. In the last few months there has not been enough to hold a meeting. Kyle stated that he is the Acting Chair at this time. Kyle is going to advertise that there are openings on the Committee.

#### ⇒ Food Truck Rally

Kyle stated that he has a tentative date of May 21<sup>st</sup>. He is working with the Administration to work with Exit 4 and Mt. Kisco Seafood to try and get things set up. He is putting together a committee to help facilitate this event. Linda suggested in contacting the Chamber of Commerce.

#### ⇒ Seniors

Linda reported that the Craft Fair is Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Library. The seniors have been working all year making different crafts for this fair. Linda filmed the Paint Night with Kyle as a test subject of how well his painting turned out.

#### Addendum to official Recreation Commission Minutes-November 10, 2021

On November 10, 2021 at the Recreation Commission meeting, a vote was taken to permanently appoint Kyle Thornton as Mount Kisco Recreation Superintendent. Present at the meeting were Linda Cindrich, Kathy Feeney, Bob Byrns and Galo Trujilo. Absent members were Eileen Polese, Kim Terlizzi and Christina McGinn. A motion was made by Bob Byrns and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Galo Trujilo to permanently appoint Kyle Thornton as Mount Kisco Recreation Superintendent.

Bob Byrns said that Kyle is a workaholic and is an extremely efficient. He said he is in contact with him nearly every day and said that he is a very hard worker and he whole-heartily supports his permanent appointment. Kathy Feeney agreed and said that he seems to be on top of everything and is getting a lot done.

Galo Trujilo said that he is very receptive to helping promote programs within the Latino community and was glad to 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle's appointment. Linda Cindrich added that Kyle is quick to return phone calls and is also receptive to the commission's suggestions. She said he takes great pride in the park and the pool and goes above and beyond.

The vote was unanimous at this meeting, to appoint Kyle Thornton as Mount Kisco Recreation Superintendent.

Submitted by Recreation Commission Chairperson, Linda Cindrich.

***Open Discussion:***

***Good and Welfare:***

***Adjournment:*** Motion to adjourn by: Kathy

Seconded by :Bob

All in favor.

Respectively submitted by: Gail Hall

Date: 11/10/2021

Time: 8:03pm

Next scheduled ZOOM meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION