

Attendance:

Linda Cindrich (left at 8:00pm)
Kathy Feeney
Kristin Bruno
Eileen Polese (left at 8:25pm)
Kim Terlizzi
Bob Byrns
Joanne Aquilino

Absent: Gallo Trujillo, Nicole Stone, Leonard Park Committee representation

Meeting called to order at 7:39pm (Kim asked to make a motion and Linda seconded)

1. Minutes

Minutes from July 11, 2018 will be amended and resubmitted before the commission accepts the minutes.

2. Superintendent's Report:

A. Review of Income & Expenses:

Joanne stated that the income and expenses are on to par with last year, you can go through them as you like but I will only update you on line items that are out of the norm or need adjusting moving forward.

B. Camp Update:

Joanne stated that camp went well. Nicole made drastic changes and they were well received."

Problem: There were issues with the camp staff getting information sent out to parents (some were not getting the information)

Solution: Moving to electronic send outs and also reminder notifications. Hoping the email blasts will get to more parents directly.

Joanne let the commission know that next year, the recreation department will try to keep a 7 week camp but may have to go to a 6 week camp because school gets out late on June 25th. If they start the camp on July 1, they will run until August 16 (7 weeks) but we need to mindful that the fall sports start the week of the 12th.

Linda asked: How much money was collected for the camp trips, and by whom?

Joanne responded: All money was collected in the office, and all trips were paid for upfront (all-inclusive / one time charge). No cash at camp so no money sat at the park at all. Parents were happy with the "all-at-once" charge.

C. Parks Update:

Joanne stated that she ordered a new swing set and it should be in soon. Eileen asked if there is budgetary impact. Joanne confirmed there is budgetary impact for the swingset, as it costs \$1700

for new swingset. Joanne is not buying the decorative light package over the fountain so she can buy the swingset. Joe Luppino and the highway dept is installing the swingset, which saves approximately \$2500.

The Volunteer Monument construction should be starting soon. Kathy asked where the monument/plaque is going to be. Joanne explained that it would be by the bridge to the Tea House.

Joanne noted that Leonard Park is going to begin redesigning the playground.

Joanne said that Joe Luppino finished the new railing (with the Highway Dept). Kristin asked if Joe was ready to put the sidewalk in to allow residents to walk from the basketball courts / tennis courts over to the playground and memorial pool safely. Joanne said she would check with Joe but if not it is in her master plan for the park.

Fall baseball season has begun and fall programs will begin soon.

D. New Programs:

Joanne reviewed the printed sheet of new offerings and went thru 1 by 1. Bob asked what the winter containers was. Kristin suggested there should be more description or pictures.

Eileen suggested Joanne work with Thunder Ridge (new skiing offering) to engage preschoolers who get out of school at noon. Joanne said Nicole will check with them.

Linda asked how many of the new programs the Rec Dept staff runs vs outsources (it was displayed on the sheet Joanne handed out as 8). Joanne confirmed it was 8 being overseen (outsourced / not run by Rec Dept) by Paul and Nicole.

Kristin thinks the one-time offerings are priced too high and should be loss leaders to allow for people to experience the great things Mount Kisco Recreation offers and to use those events to promote or register for other upcoming paid programs by the Rec Dept.

Kristin asked if we could review the registration after the programs because she signs up for other town and community programming after seeing advertising on MommyPoppins, HulaFrog, and other advertising venues and the programs are cheaper in other towns. Joanne agreed to review registration.

E. Brochure:

Eileen asked what we are doing to market some of the programs as they are coming up. Kim asked if we are on Facebook. Joanne said multiple emails went out and the programs were on the town Facebook page. The separation of the Village vs Rec Dept Facebook page was brought up again and Linda said should be separate from the village page (conversation is tabled for the Facebook part of the agenda).

Eileen asked why the brochure was going out so late and suggested the winter brochure should be printed. Joanne said the packet was at the Post Office this week and was both fall and winter offerings. The spring/summer brochure is being worked on.

Kathy said she thinks we are missing an opportunity for banners (to market programs). Joanne said that there is currently a town sign ordinance. Eileen said she was able to put up signage for the race. Kathy said people could put up signs on their lawns. Joanne will reconfirm with Gina.

****Linda had to leave but wanted to discuss first that her experience at the senior center. She said that there were hula dancers and it was a wonderful event. The seniors worked with a writer and created the Stories of Their Lives. Kim, Eileen, and Joanne agreed it was beautiful.**

Lewisboro hosted a pool party with various municipalities. There is a trip to the Catskills for Oktoberfest coming up. The seniors are hosting a tag sale and collection is on September 17th, all funds raised will go to charity. The sale is being held at the senior center this year instead of the sidewalk sales so it's a little calmer.

Linda left the meeting.

3. Old / Unfinished Business:

A. Little League Proposal:

Bob reviewed the papers that were given to the commission, and an updated sheet. Bob said that the MKLL is not trying to go outside of purview of Mount Kisco village, they are trying to improve the program for all residents.

Eileen noted that the commission has had lengthy discussions about the proposal and suggested we move forward but treat the program the way we treat the outsourced programming like MMA (for example) where we have a MK Rec Dept point person assigned to bridge the information gap and serve as a consultant.

This could be specific to "field use" (bullet 7 on Bob's proposal) and could be Nicole. This would help ensure everyone was on the same page.

Joanne wants to put Nicole as an ex-officio board member to have her involved in the planning. She suggested that this would help formalize field use requests.

Joanne said she wants to have a review on a year-by-year basis, if we move forward, to which Bob responded that depending on time and effort to develop the program he would like to continue but with an out clause if there is a catastrophe, allowing the Rec Commission to pull the program back.

Joanne said that she wants to be able to talk about concerns yearly if parents complain or other things come up. Bob agreed.

Kim said that it seems a natural progression for the village to try moving the Minor League under the MKLL given that other towns has done this.

The commission then had a lively discussion around what "reasonable fees" meant in terms of a price per player that the MKLL would pay to MK Rec to ensure there was no loss of revenue. The Minor League families were charged \$70 last year by the MK Rec program. Bob suggested the fees paid to MK Rec was \$85-\$100, depending on uniform cost. Joanne is going to provide a more detailed list of expenses that Joanne incurs for the baseball field usage:

The board discussed that 1/3 of the costs are associated with Minor League; 1/3 are MKLL; 1/3 are softball. MK Rec historically has paid for all the field usage and all staff overtime for lining the fields before games. She thought we should review this now that the majority ownership is outside of MK Rec. (2/3:1/3, vs 1/3:2/3). Bob said there was no field use in the past.

Joanne said that MKLL would also have to coordinate games. Bob agreed, and Nicole will help coordinate as well. Joanne said she would take \$70-80 per person with no field fee at first. She said \$70/pp is fine this year and would revisit how that impacts anything.

Eileen had to leave the meeting before finishing the discussion. We agreed that Joanne would get the detailed list of expenses / revenue and her needs to stay whole in giving away a successfully growing business. Bob agreed that once he gets the details, he will take it back to the rest of the MKLL stakeholders and will send an email proposal to the Rec Commission members so we can vote next month (October meeting).

B. Pool Priorities:

Joanne handed out 3 sheets of paper that listed the opening procedures (1), closing procedures(2), and necessary repairs (3) needed for the pool (marked in 3 categories: critical, needs attention, and yearly maintenance. This documentation was requested by the board in the previous meeting.

Joanne said that 10 days before the close of the season the kiddie pool motor needed fixing. The motor works now but is rusting. Joanne wants to buy a new motor and use this motor as the spare to make sure we can get through the seasons.

The bids on the pool were originally thought to cost \$5000-\$8000 for the motor without labor, but Joanne was able to get bids that look closer to \$6000 including labor.

The remote vacuum is 8 years old and is not working properly.

4. New Business:

A. Pool bid:

See above blended discussion into Pool Priorities. Only bid was for \$160k to resurface, change tiles, recaulk the pool + \$35k incidentals so will cost \$160k-\$195k. This will fix the dive pool. Kristin said this was great and commented that the dive pool has been leaking since she first moved to Mount Kisco and joined the pool during the summer of 2011. Kim said it was leaking before 2011. Joanne said the marcite is now falling off and needs to be addressed in the future (listed as an item on the sheet).

B. Facebook:

Kim had a very quick discussion with Gina about this. She discussed that members of the Board had expressed that it would be good to have 1 place for all recreation offerings like we used to have.

Gina said we can do that, but it's worse to be stagnant page than to not have one. She said there have been studies conducted that found that towns with less than 30k residents like MK do better with 1 single facebook page, but we can explore.

Kristin said that she subscribes to other towns

5. Open Discussion:

Joanne had 2 topics for open discussion: convenience fees on website for credit card usage during registration; Food Truck Festival in May 2019:

A. Convenience Fee:

Joanne wants to remove the convenience fee from signing up online. Kristin asked why as this is fairly standard across sites. Joanne said that she doesn't want to lose people who say they will come to the office to pay cash to avoid the fee, but then don't. Bob agreed service fees are annoying and fought MKLL about having a svc fee.

B. Food Truck Festival (estimated May 18, 2019):

Joanne said the Leonard Park Committee ok'd the Food Truck Festival. Town lawyer (Whitney) also approved it. All the money goes back to the park, except the food cost. \$200-\$250 charge per vendor, \$5 entry fee.

Joanne wants to have music and activities for kids. Kristin said she has attended other Food Truck Festivals who also charged \$5 entry fee, and that we should have a plan in place to handle "customer service" in case the food runs out (and she said it has in other festivals she went to, so they either waived the entry fee or reduced the fee, or let the patron check it out first. Kristin said we should be aware and have a plan in case to know how to handle.

Meeting adjourned (motioned by Kim, seconded by Kathy) at 9:01pm. All in favor.