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**Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Monday, May 9, 2022
Town Hall Room 5/ Virtual at 7PM**

Attendance:

Committee Members: Ron Kern (RK), Pat Filmore (PF), Sergio Coviello (SC), Rita Mullin (RM) Billie Luker (BL)

Staff: Marty Tilton (MT), Maria Brown (MB) Nancy Ursino (NU) Heidi Veader (HV)

Tardy:

Absent: Mike Fitzpatrick (MF), Sheila Sturdevant (SS)

Call to order: @7:05pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: Mr & Mrs Buckmeyers and left the meeting at 7:14PM

Acceptance of Minutes: @ 7:05PM

(PF) Made a motion to accept the minutes of April 4, 2022

(SC) Second the motion.

LUC : Update- (RM) stated they pulled the bike trail from town meeting as open discussion will be at the Town Meeting on June 6, 2022, (RK) talked to the Buckmeyers about what LUC does and who P & R are and what we do as a committee, stated Hillview gets involved when needed for financial. Last meeting regarding the community garden talked about what the costs will be of everything needed and will be held for the 2 years so they can come up with either a subcommittee or an Advair committee, awaiting on an answer from the Town Clerk as to how they should proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:- Update-(MT) will be meeting with the Architect to go over the Intergenerational Center .

OLD BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

OTHER BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:- Update- (MB) As of April 20,2022 we are ahead \$22K and awaiting on a few mores checks to come in from sports leagues on their fee's which will bring us up to \$70K.

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RECREATION DIRECTOR:- Update- (NU) We had our new Recreation Programmer start today 5/9/22 Ashley Leboeuf. Still looking to fill our Summer floater position & also the Summer Director position, (RK) stated he wanted to congratulate Nancy as almost all positions have been filled as 2 months ago there wasn't a single employee that was going to return and they needed to start fresh with all new workers (everyone clapped) (NU) stated that Matt Tiberi is interested in having a Summer Clinic with us he just needs to put together his proposal and return it back to me for review.

PARKS DIRECTOR/ DEPT HEAD:- Update-(MT) Still working on quotes for the \$100K , has lots of different quotes awaiting to get a few more and then will bring it back to the committee to see how best to utilize the money for the tennis courts (priority)/ pickleball lines, basketball court & playground at IRP. Marty has reached out to Margie Salt for ideas on the playground. Has 3 seasonal guys starting at the end of May, all fields are ready & open for use. Irrigation started and there are 270 heads & a few have to be replaced, the septic pumps at IRP needed to be replaced which were covered under the budget, there was an issue with the turf bathroom that is still ongoing trying to figure out the electrical panel issue is with the voltage didn't have enough push and they are saying it would cost \$800 to fix the panels so he is trying to figure it out. There is a meeting this Wednesday 5/11/22 with the attorney to go over the intergenerational center and then on Thursday 5/12/22 Rita, Marty, Nancy & Maria will all attend the zoom at 4pm with the Architect. Hillview would have to change wording on the original paperwork, saying they would have to trade property to make it work, Wheeler property was the only land that is original, Abby was at that meeting to talk about financials. Sergio stated he has been a member for 17-18 yrs and has never heard of them talk about the community center, who's in charge of the community center, LUC wanted facilities manager (Abby) who is the Chair of the group. They had talked previously about adding a sub fire station somewhere on Main Street or near Benevento's as #1 project, #2 Intergenerational Center then #3 Town Hall, talk has been since 2019 when we got a grant from CPC firm for a possible feasible study, Danielle McKnight from Planning talked regarding a grant offered from the 3 yrs ago, Sergio said that Mike Brisco (previous selectman) said \$8-10\$Million would be for the Community Center, Brad Jones has secured \$10 Million from the state budget, Rita has asked the TA what's happening awaiting on responses. (BL) said if we build Intergenerational Center can it be just a Recreation Center, the way it is currently and they all said no as it will be for the Veterans, Seniors & children so that is why it will be called the Intergenerational Center. The company Gale said there are some restrictions of how the money will be spent. We got a \$50K grant for Kids Spot that will go towards Fiscal year 2023. Ron requested going forward to have the Intergenerational Center be put on the Agenda and he also asked when the pickleball lines will be done at IRP, Marty said most likely July.

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FONRPRC:- Update- (MS) will do all the shopping for the Summer BBQ's , she has said that she will still be able to assist over the next 2-3 yrs. Ron asked how we are getting volunteers, so I told everyone that I have set up an account with Sign Up Genius/ NRHS sends out a daily newsletter and we are in that email blast and we have already done it for Craft Prep work for the Summer programs which I was able to get 10 High School kids to be able to do the projects and they have received community service hours. I have set up the signup sheet as of May 2,2022 & I already have 7 signed up for the first BBQ 6/29, 3 signed up for 7/13, 3 signed up for 7/20 & 3 signed up for 7/27.

Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2022 at Town Hall Room 5 @ 7PM

Adjournment: @ 8:05 PM

(PF) Made a motion to adjourn @ 8:05PM

(SC) Second the motion.

Approved: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: PASSED