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Recreation Committee Meeting, Community Center, February 12, 6:30 pm.

Present: Committee Members Bonne Maseo, Amy Harrington, Wayne Pyle, Recreation Director, Chuck Bordino.

Meeting Commenced, 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda: Board approved Recreation Committee Mission Statement, continued Discussion on summer entertainment at the Field of Dreams Park, Soccer Fields Project and Sports Tournaments.

Mission Statement: Director Bordino Explained the varied terms that each committee member would serve as well as the need to select a chairperson for the recreation committee. Board approval of the Recreation Committee Mission Statement, January 4, 2018. Bordino suggested the terms and Chairperson be addressed through E-Mails during the course of the month, all were in agreement.

Summer Entertainment: Wayne Pyle will reach out to donors and volunteers willing to facilitate the showing of movies at the Field of Dreams Park. Committee Member Amy Harrington and Director Bordino will meet at FOD Park to determine the feasibility of 5K Races as soon as weather and park conditions permit. Contacts have been made by the Recreation Dept to pursue Adult Sports Tournaments entailing soccer, softball and volleyball. The group discussed the possible showing of movies at Moriello Park brought up at the last meeting by Committee Member Toni Hokanson. All agreed that the Field of Dreams is the best location for said venue, at this time. All concurred that the FOD Park needs continual promoting, Hokanson was not present for the meeting.

Soccer Fields Project: Bonne Masseo attended the joint meeting between the Town and Village regarding the present status of the Soccer Fields Project. A subsequent meeting between Supervisor Bettez, Recreation Director Bordino, Bonne Masseo (Representing Youth Soccer) Andy Willingham (Town Engineer) and Highway Superintendent Chris Marks on February 8, was held to determine a path forward with the project.

Chris Marks committed man hours by his men to operate machinery and Andy Willingham Pledged pro bono efforts to secure initial permits to begin the project. Site Plans are completed for the project and modifications will be made by Willingham to reduce costs as well as efforts by Youth Soccer to recruit donors. A Town based escrow account earmarked for the project can be established as long as the Highway Dept oversees the project.

Open Discussion: Masseo initiated conversation regarding meeting with Town Supervisor Bettez. The committee cited a need for better communications between the Committee and Supervisor as well as the Town Board. The group expressed a desire to learn of the Supervisor's thoughts and goals regarding Recreation and future, related matters. Bordino replied that he will arrange said meeting with Supervisor Bettez.

Masseo also expressed a concern for outside organizations and professional entities targeting Recreation based and volunteer based organizations such as Youth Soccer of New Paltz. Bordino acknowledged the trend of Recreational Sports becoming more professional but assured Masseo that all Youth Sports Organizations in New Paltz are recognized by the Town and Recreation Dept. as the facilitators of their various programs.

Meeting adjourned, 8 pm

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