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Recreation Committee Meeting, May 6, 2019

Present: Committee Members, Toni Hokanson, Amy Harrington, Recreation Director, Chuck Bordino. Meeting commenced 6:30pm.

Agenda: Resignation, Survey, Five Year Plan, Field of Dreams Park

Committee Member Wayne Pyle has resigned, resignation letter was reviewed by the Town Board.

Group discussed the Recreation Survey which was agreed upon as ready for distribution among the Adult and Youth Sports and Arts Agencies. Said survey will assist the Committee in formulating the Five Year Plan which will be forwarded to the Supervisor and Town Board. A final discussion and approval of the Survey will be addressed at the next Committee meeting on June 4.

The Five Year Plan outline by Director Bordino, was discussed by the group, it will be further discussed at the June meeting. Bordino suggested the group exchange any new ideas and concepts and reach out to any groups or individuals that may have been overlooked.

The group discussed the usage of Town Parks by various groups including non-residents. All agreed that the present non-resident fees are fair and reasonable compensation. Further discussion entailed approval by the Board to relinquish Parkland Funs for the remodeling of the Maintenance Building at the Field of Dreams Park for Concession. A food Vendor has been awarded a contract for 2019, it is hoped the building will be ready for the coming softball season. The concession will be available for the youth soccer season in the Fall. Water treatment and septic issues are being addressed by the town engineer, this information was updated to the Committee by the director.

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The group discussed activities/events at the Field of Dreams Park for this summer. Movie nights will no longer be pursued due to poor attendance in 2018 and cost concerns. The Senior Summer Picnic is scheduled for June 21 at the Field of Dreams Park Pavilion, the Event has been highly successful and is well attended by our local Seniors. New Paltz Youth Soccer has requested use of the ball fields in August to conduct a fund raising tournament. Adelphi University has requested use of the Field of Dreams Park for a fund raising 5K Race, all of said events are supported and encouraged by the Committee.

Director Bordino discussed coed adult sports with the group. He suggested committee members spread the word, the goal is development of a coed soccer and softball league. Volleyball activity at the FOD Park has increased and is now being frequented by the public Each weeknight. New Paltz Adult Volleyball has been communicating with recreation as to the facility needs. There is a request by Adult Volleyball for adding softer sand to the courts. Director Bordino is looking into the matter.

The group discussed concerns over the Dog Park at the FOD, mowing and waste removal were dialogued. Bordino will discuss the matter with the Highway Dept as to the responsibilities of the aforementioned duties.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm

C. Bordino