

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SADDLE RIVER PARKS
AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 – 7:00PM**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the meeting was held via Zoom.

PRESENT: Chairperson Nazzaro, Members: Boyajian, Burgis, Miao, Weiss (by phone) and Council Liaison Azzariti

ABSENT: Members Barry and Broer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

SUNSHINE LAW: Chairperson Nazzaro read the Sunshine Law statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Weiss moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021 seconded by Mr. Boyajian.

All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

**Highlands Travel Baseball
9/1/21 – 11/15/21
4-9 pm Weekdays
8am – 9 pm Saturdays
10 am to 9 pm Sundays**

The application was discussed. The application states that soccer, softball and football will take precedence on field scheduling. The Board would like to work with the applicant, however, other organizations have permitted field usage during most of the time that this applicant is requesting.

The Board agreed that this applicant should probably start looking elsewhere for fields.

The Board also would like to receive a more definitive schedule from all applicants because typically, an applicant will request more field usage than is needed which prevents others from using the field.

Cindy will revise the application form to include a request for practice and game schedules. Patty suggested that the field usage monthly calendar be sent to the organizations as well so they can circle the dates they actually will be using the field.

With respect to soccer fields, Mr. Miao explained that the size of the field is determined by the age of the players. Older players tend to use one larger field while younger players utilize two smaller fields.

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Following a review and discussion of the application, a motion was made by Mr. Weiss to approve the application with the following conditions:

- No usage from Mon-Friday since the fields are being utilized by other permitted organizations unless the other teams tell the Travel team that soccer, baseball, football are not using them.
- Saturday – Fields A and B from 1:30 pm to dusk
- Sunday – Fields A and B from 5:30 pm to dusk
- Sunday – Field C from 12 pm to dusk
- Soccer, softball and football take precedence on field scheduling
- Provide practice and game schedule
- Look for alternative fields in the future

Mrs. Burgis seconded the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Nazzaro said the tennis courts came out great! Nets will go up tomorrow. The courts can be utilized for tennis and pickle ball.

Mrs. Burgis inquired as to the control and enforcement of the courts. Chair Nazzaro explained that since Open Space Grant money was used, the courts are open to the general public. However, a sign will be installed this week citing restrictions such as limiting play to one hour if others are waiting.

Mrs. Burgis said that the Planner will be reviewing the Master Plan and they will see if there is a way to designate the courts as a facility rather than public use.

The courts should not be used for commercial use (i.e. tennis lessons) unless a resident is practicing with his/her coach.

Emerson Fence will repair the ice pond fence using wooden (railroad ties) similar to the fence at Rindlaub Park. The cost to replace the fence is \$3,695 with additional fencing on the south end for \$1,695.

DPW budget will pay for 9/11 ceremony (i.e. flagpole, flag and plantings) and Park and Rec budget will pay for Memorial Park signage (\$2,700).

So far this year, Parks and Rec budget paid for: repair of tennis courts, fencing at ice pond and Memorial Park sign.

Parks and Rec current balance is approximately \$2,000. Any unused money is returned to the borough's general fund at the end of the year. Chair Nazzaro asked the Parks and Rec members to think about any other projects they would like to accomplish prior to the end of the year.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the memorial trees/plaques at Rindlaub Field, we are still waiting on plans from Scott Levy. Cindy has been contacted by approximately 10 residents who are interested in donating a tree and/or plaque.

About 40 trees are estimated. The donation would be approximately \$200, but we are still waiting on final plans and final costs.

The cost for a plaque is estimated at \$200, but it depends on the material and engraving. This is just a rough estimate.

Benches may approximate \$700-\$800.

Regarding Trunk or Treat, Lou Miao invited his wife, Michele, to speak about it since his wife is president of the Parents Association at Wandell. Mrs. Miao explained that they are just in the planning stages and no Halloween activities have been approved yet by school administration. Traditionally the school has a Halloween parade and Trunk or Treat in school parking lot. They are hoping to do an afternoon outdoor party on school grounds. Chair Nazzaro suggested that the school invite the Police and Fire Depts.

Holiday Tree /Menorah Lighting is December 5, 2021.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation will take place on October 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm meeting at Borough Hall (in person).

Dr. Azzariti will not be able to attend next month's meeting.

At 7:47 pm, Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Miao, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kirkpatrick, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission