

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
LOCATION: RECREATION DEPARTMENT
6:15 P.M.

Minutes

PRESENT: Ezio Capozzi, Jr., Ray Carroll, Kathy Pugliese, Joseph Catanzaro

ABSENT: Danielle Angelillo, Anthony Wasley, Andre DeGregorio

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director, Ben Gediman, Town Council Liaison

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Kathy Pugliese to approve the February 8, 2024 Meeting

Seconded by: Ray Carroll

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Approved

II. ORAL PETITIONS

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Avenue – he is happy that there is a full board. He is also happy that boating and fishing are going to stay the same at Paderewski Park.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Department Changes** – The Recreation Coordinator position is open. Courtney reported that 46 applicants are interested in the job. 6 interviews are currently set up. The Recreation Supervisor from Rocky Hill is coming in to help with the interviewing process.
2. **Recreation Internship job** – Courtney reported that the position was approved. She reached out to local colleges to see if there are any college students interested.
3. **Summer Update** – Registration opened on 4/1/24. Private swim lessons are full. Registration is going well so far. Seems to be tracking the same as last year with revenue. There are a few new programs starting PHS Football Camp, Water Pilates, Girls basketball clinic, adult kickball league, outdoor boot camp, Map Pilates.

Courtney is still working on summer concert bands. 4 are currently set, Courtney will set up 2 more. The concerts will be Thurs 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Key tags are in for the pool, pictures will be done so that the residents can be identified. It will help to in the case of a medical emergency if they indicate any health issues on their file.

Both Camp Directors are not returning as they are seeking full time employment. The jobs are posted. There are 2 people interested. They are both currently camp counselors and Plainville residents. Courtney was able to raise the pay per hour for these 2 positions to make it more attractive to prospective candidates.

1 pool supervisor left the position but will return as a sub. 1 stayed this year. Courtney is considering changing the job to 2 Assistant Pool Supervisor Positions,

instead of another Pool Supervisor. Courtney to update the board at the next meeting what is decided.

4. **Camp Age Policy** – The board talked about adding an age policy. The software does not allow grade to be added. The Mini Camp is a 1-8 ratio and the Norton Camp is 1 to 12 ratio. The new policy states “If a parent is looking for a younger sibling to attend the same camp as an older sibling (ex: a 6 year old attending Day Camp, which is for ages 7 to 12), then that shall be allowed as it is a one to one ration. This shall be allowed, if the younger sibling is 6 years old by the start of the desired session of camp.

If a child has a younger sibling in mini camp and the parent or guardian wishes a 7 year old to attend mini camp, that shall be allowed unless there is no space in the camp.”

A motion was made to approve the Camp Age Policy by: Kathy Pugliese

Seconded by: Joseph Catanzaro

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Bike Trail** – was discussed. Ben explained the update to the plan. There are safety concerns. The path for the trail will be the same path that people walk to the pool. Ben is going to suggest a fence or some way to keep residents safer. To be discussed more in the future. Ben to inform the board when the next Plainville Resident meeting is for the trail.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: Ray Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm

Seconded by: Kathy Pugliese

All in Favor 4 to 0 Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

Recording Secretary