



TOWN OF AMENIA

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Amenia Recreation Commission Meeting – May 9, 2023

Town Hall: 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

- Committee Members: Pete McCaffrey, Paul Winter, Josh Simpson, Linda Gregory
- Rec Director: Katie Sterk-Grassi
- Rec Supervisor:
- Town Board: Leo Blackman
- Participants: Roseanne Hamm, DJ Reilly, Max Smith

Business:

- **Minutes approved:** April 18th
- **Recreation Director Report:**
 - Recreation Update:
 - Town Mailer went out on 5/9/23. There are extra ones that were printed and will be getting dropped off at Town Hall. I used fountain press for printing as they were able to get it done fast but may find a different solution for the next mailer. That will be for the months of August, September, October. Maybe a five-month mailer.
 - Mulch has gone down at Beekman and Town Hall Park. Thanks to Shawn and Chucky. Also, to DJ from WLL for helping us move it. Highway is going to help bring the remaining mulch to Wassaic Park.
 - Basketball courts have been cleaned off and Chucky and I are going to start painting the old basketball backboards and hang up the new rims tomorrow (5/10).
 - Bear issue a Beekman Park but in the last week or so, it seems to be getting better and only coming at night and not during the day
 - Make sure all doors and windows are getting closed after activities at the Town Hall
 - Pickleball moved the cheer mats without permission and did damage them. Cheer does not want new ones but wants people to respect their equipment just like they respect everyone else's.
 - Batting cage is down and new one will start going up on 5/15. The old one needs to have a resolution with the Town Board before it goes to the garbage.
 - Going to be meeting with South Amenia Senior Center to see if we can get something set up
 - **Programs/Events:**
 - Kids Circle is doing well. We have 6 kids that are signed up and about 4 come each week.
 - Saturday is community day. We have a booth there and we will also have Karina who does Mexican folklore dance there. She will be teaching a dance class starting in June.

- Maplebrook senior activities are going well. Seniors are welcome at Maplebrook on Saturday 5/13 at 10am.
 - Summer Music Series is all set. We have a stage, sound, and a bathroom will be delivered on July 7th and will be cleaned each week for the 6 weeks.
 - Seniors have a Senior Day Lunch at 4 Brothers on Friday 5/12 at 12pm
 - Adult Puzzle Day at the library on 5/25 at 1pm
 - Summer Camp – I do have someone for an EMT but have not heard anything back from those who reached out about counselor positions. An advertisement went out in the paper and it is on the town mailer that we are hiring. Camp decision will be made by June 1st.
 - Looking to do a Family Fun Day and make it an annual event in July at Beekman **Park**.
- **Summer Camp:**
 - EMT candidate identified.
 - Currently no applications for camp counselor positions.
 - Advertisements in the paper and town mailer.
 - June 1st – Deadline on staffing (target 3 councilors and 1 EMT)
 - If we don't have required staffing by June 1st we'll have to reconsider Camp in 2023.
- **Town Recreation mailer:** The first Town of Amenia Recreation Mailer has gone out on May 9th; Costs were \$911 for printing 2300 mailers; \$605 for mailing. Total cost was \$1516 which exceed the original \$900 budget estimate. Katie will investigate other formats with a goal of getting the costs down on future mailings. Linda Gregory to explore whether Maplebrook School can help with printing.
- **Wassaic Park:** Request for portable soccer net for use at park. Price range per goal with wheels is between \$1800 to \$2200 a goal. There were questions on securing the nets when not in use and general safety. Josh will work with Wassiac to research best options for purchase given their requirements.
- **Concession Stand:**
 - Webutuck Little League has decided not to run the Concession Stand this summer.
 - Leo submitted a list of requirements necessary to update the Concession Stand before it could be operated in 2023. We'll need to get pricing as a next step for the items identified.
- **Master Plan & Landscape Architect Feedback**
 - **Motion:** To move forward with the Amenia Town Green aspect of the Master Plan while we wait for Town Board position on combining public and private property as part of the scope of the Wassaic Park Master Plan.

Special meeting scheduled for May 16th to discuss Soccer nets.
 Next regular meeting is June 13th, 2023, at 7pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter McCaffrey, Secretary

