

Demarest Rec Minutes 1.2.21 - Zoom Meeting Set by Marti Francis

Leigh Barker opened the meeting at 8:09 with the following disclaimer: "This meeting was advertised at least one week in advance in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of NJ." -

Present: Leigh Barker, Josh Lesser, John Bannan, Alli Deutsch, Sara Gatanas (at 8:35), Ana Yezekian (at 8:16) Absent: Tina Schweid, Janice Kurys

John Bannan moved to accept the minutes, second Josh Lesser. All in favor. Carried.

Old Business

The Joint Field and Facility Well Being Committee will probably meet again at the end of the month (1/29?). Questions include how people will pay; how to keep the field in shape; the possibility of adding pea gravel to parking near the playground (it's back ordered right now); soon need to discuss how to fix the grass.

July's meeting should be the 21st, not 14th. Josh Lesser moved to accept, second John Bannan. All in favor.

The Tree Lighting and Menorah went really well. Ray Greiche was a good addition to the tree lighting. Both should be live streamed again next year.

New Business

Rec Camp Advisory Committee: Alli needs assistance in guiding the rec camp staff with covid, and Vanessa McAndrews and John Bannan will assist. They will be liaisons to parents and make sure counselors follow safety rules. Mr. Fox asked Jackie for a list of needs/wants. Questions: will there be a nurse? Who will do questionnaires? Temperatures? Jackie is asking the school to send out an email. Maybe the camp can visit the town pool Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Permit package Approvals: The DAA submitted an application. Leigh emailed groups that use the field. The general feeling is to give DAA permission to use the fields all day every day but say they need to cooperate if others need it and to fill in the Google calendar. Ana Yezekian moved to go with this plan, second Alli Deutsch. All in favor. Carried.

Concerts: John Bannan will plan the concerts. Maybe 4 in July and 2 in August. Maybe an open mic night (Ana will help plan).

Demarest Day? - Do we proceed?

Other Ideas for arts and recreation in Demarest? A picnic pavilion and basketball court garnered the most interest. Maybe er can pay for lights at the middle school courts. Leigh will ask Janice to talk to Mayor and Council about interest in a pavilion.

Adjourn Meeting Alli Deutsch moved to adjourn, second Sara Gatanas. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:18 pm.

Next year's dates: 1/20, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 7/21, 8/18, 10/20, 11/17 (February is in Presidents' Week, June too close to graduation activities, September is Yom Kippur)