

Demarest Recreation Meeting 5.19.21 Minutes  
Zoom Meeting Set by Marti Francis

Leigh Barker opened the meeting at 8:07 pm with the following disclaimer: "This meeting was advertised at least one week in advance in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of NJ."

Roll Call Present: Leigh Barker, Alli Deutsch, Janice Neville, Ana Yezekian, Vanessa McAndrews

Leigh moved to approve the minutes from 4.21.21, second Alli. All in favor. Carried.

#### Old Business

- a. Playground – Janice thanked Marti for coordinating the return of the pavers. The old plaque noting big-ticket donors and builders will be put on a giant rock found by the DPW superintendent. All were in agreement.
- b. Field Wellness Committee update –. There was a meeting Monday. The grass is not so great. The Committee is trying to remedy that. Janice will follow up on a suggestion to use the fireworks money to repair the field and on what the laws are concerning donating. Ana noted that lights are also needed.
- c. Concert Update – A couple of people may want to sponsor the concerts. Also, some of Janice's friends from High School have started a hot dog company. They have all of the necessary certifications and plan to sell at the concerts. Leigh reached out to the ice cream people. Maybe we should have a new sandwich board. We may need signs to list sponsors.

#### V. New Business

- i. Welcome New Member Vanessa McAndrews!
- b. Recreation Camp
  - i. General Update
  - ii. New Director
    1. MaryKate Portera interviewed as the new director. She wants to bring people into camp (in lieu of trips) and wants to do involved arts and crafts. Jackie will stay this year and help as needed. Leigh moved to approve, second Ana. All in favor. Carried. It was decided to have CITs on a limited basis. Question: What is the right age for counselors? There are 110 campers right now. Problem: The pool may not allow any groups at all.
- c. Permit package Approvals -
  - i. College Sports Advisers wants to use the Knickerbocker Field on 5/23 from 9 to 3 to film recruiting videos. Leigh moved to approve, second Ana. All in favor. Carried.
  - ii. others?
- d. Constant Contact for fee-based community activities
  - i. Possible uses?
  - ii. Committee to lean/plan
- e. Fireworks for Demarest Day in the Fall?

- f. Other Ideas for arts and recreation in Demarest?
  - i. Picnic pavilion?
  - ii. Lights at Wakelee?
  - iii. Dog park?
  - iv. Basketball court or just a hoop somewhere?
  - v. Swim Club improvements??
  - vi. Outdoor games?

VI. Adjourn Meeting Ana had to leave at about 9:00, which resulted in the end of the meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

This year's dates: 7/21, 8/18, 10/20, 11/17 (June too close to graduation activities, September is Yom Kippur)

- d. [Demarest Rec Reference Sheet](#)