

## Village of Hamburg Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

December, 4 2018

**Members Present:** Tricia Miller, Paul Peck, Garry Nelson

**Members Excused:** Ralph Scott, Sean Collins

**Officials Present:**

**Staff Present:** Josh Haeick, Recreation Supervisor  
Jacie Gavin, Recreation Leader

### **Recreation Leader's Report:**

Jacie reported that the After School Programs daily attendance has been up in numbers, averaging 170 participants per day, including multiple days over 190. This trend is calling for more staff on the schedule this day to keep with the 10:1 ratio. Also that the children recently traveled to Elderwood to play Bingo with the residents and some of the participants have been working hard on their holiday door decorating contest.

The Friday night programs have also been up in attendance. The dances are averaging about 120 per night and she said they hope to continue that trend with this month's dance on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Also brought up was the January dance to benefit the MLK Day Food Drive. For each non-perishable item Hamburg Middle School students bring they get a dollar off admission, five items = free admission.

Date Night Great Night has been going great, and the most recent night on December 1<sup>st</sup> where the Recreation paired with Hamburg Holidays for their Holiday Date Night had fantastic attendance. Thirty total participants, the highest number yet this year. Jacie reported the partnership seemed to be a success on both ends and they hope to do it again next year.

Lastly Jacie reported the Hamburg Little Cagers basketball gets going in full force this weekend. Last Saturday the 13-15 boys started the league off and Monday the 7-8 boys had their first clinical while the rest of the division get started on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Starting its trial year is the 7-9 girl's developmental league, however it has filled and not taken any registration numbers away from the coed division. Recreation Commission Member Paul Peck suggested that if anyone from the 7-9 girls league is interested in attending a UB Bulls game to put them in contact with him as they love getting involved with community. Especially a new program that is geared toward getting females involved in athletics. Jacie will get him in contact with division directors Tom and Erin Ryan about that opportunity and any interest they may have.

### **Recreation Supervisor's Report:**

Josh talked about the 2018 Halloween Parade and the increased sponsorships this year. He also mentioned that despite the rainy weather there was great attendance at the event.

Registration for the 2019 season of the Hamburg Junior Baseball and Softball league begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Josh handed out the Calendar of events to the Recreation Commission and explained that the Board of Directors for baseball meets the first Saturday of each month to discuss important topics such as the Legion Field Revitalization Project. Josh also explained that beginning this summer there will be a baseball camp for inner city youth and refugee community and Derick Hill will run the Hamburg Bulldog baseball camp at legion field.

The Village will be bringing back outdoor ice skating, now at the Community Center. An anonymous donor made the purchase on the first rink possible and a donation from Legislator Lynne Dixon made the purchase of a second rink possible. The EZIce Rinks at the Community Center should be up early next week. Commission member Tricia Miller

asked if these will be open all day every day like at UPES. Josh replied yes, however they are weather dependent, and the Recreation Department is looking into temporary lighting for the weekends.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Day is just over a month away. This is the community's way to donate after the holidays! Josh explained the partnerships for the project as well as the training that will be new this year for team leaders. Josh also mentioned that Kim Reynolds, who will be a guest speaker at the training told him 14,100lbs of food only lasts 1 week in only one of the shelters for the WNY Foodbank.

The Village Recreation will be overseeing Rock the Roundabout this year. The event was passed on by MaryLou Moses. Stop on out and say hello!

Also reported was that the Community Center Board has folded. The Recreation Department now totally oversee the Community Center, including their reserve fund of about \$8,000. With that money the Department is looking to improve the facility with some outdoor amenities to attract more rentals.

Trautman Associates is now putting together a large schematic for the Legion Field Revitalization project. They were hired to do design work and scope of project, investigative phase, and public bidding process. Paul asked about time frame, and Josh mentioned the hope is to get started this spring! The work shouldn't affect games but that needs to be discussed with the contractors and see what is possible. Gary suggested when designing the layout of the new diamonds at Legion they should have water access in multiple locations so the grounds crew do not have to drag hose all around the facility.

Trautman Associates is also working on the Swim Center. The priorities of that project are the Marcite finish as it is cracking. Not as eye catching of a priority but it is a necessity. Josh also reported there were over 600 family memberships this past summer. Paul Peck brought up how it is an incredible revenue builder, it is an investment worth putting money into. The commission agreed based on Josh's recommendation to raise fee's \$5 across the board to help fund the project.

### **Executive Session Regarding Personnel**

The Parkside Park Project is making headway. The main focuses are benches, pathways and trashcans however a creative play space will also be added. The time and material for this stage area will be donated by an Imagine Hamburg member's spouse.

Community Garden is on the radar and the Recreation Department will be in touch with Tricia Miller about location and more detail.

### **Upcoming Events:**

December 27<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year Staff Meeting  
December 31<sup>st</sup> Rock the Roundabout Ball Drop  
January 1<sup>st</sup> HJBSL Registration Begins  
January 21<sup>st</sup> MLK Day Food Drive  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Swim Center Registration Begins.

Next Recreation Commission Mtg: Thursday, January 3, 2019. 7:00pm Youth Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacie Gavin