Recreation Meeting Minutes from 4/21/2022

Attendees: Mark Dahn, Bill Faxon, Ed Gallitelli, Christine Geertsma, Carolyn George, Sean McDonnell, Debbie Varnerin

Absent: Rebecca Acheson

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

- **Adoption of Rec Minutes from 3/17/2022 meeting**
  - Motion - Bill
  - Second - Deb

- **March 2022 Recreation Financials deferred to May meeting**

- **Tom Barton Scholarship**
  - Thanks to Rebecca and Mark for managing the process and presenting the five candidates for consideration
  - The scholarship winner was finalized with a vote of 5-2. Winner will be announced publicly at a later date.
  - Scholarship award ($2k in 2022) may be presented by one of Tom Barton’s daughters

- **Pickleball/Tennis Court Update**
  - Membership 217 families: 64 seniors; 53 adult; 4 youth; 6 child; 6 single parent
  - Total revenue to date $14K
  - Acoustic Blok – working on two more quotes so we can submit

- **Fields, Parks & Grounds Update**
  - Softball
    - Commission recognized and acknowledged frustration with softball grievances on the field conditions.
    - Takes 3-5 days to fix field. Have been partnering with vendor on optimal timing. Weather has been prohibitive. Mountain Park is a softball priority and will work as soon as we can. Targeting weekend of 4/22.
    - Asking DPW if they can do continual assessment on Woodruff to see how we can make fields more playable after rain.
    - Noted that softball schedule could potentially use GL on Sundays.
    - Bill to respond with status updates
  - Baseball
    - Hughes field backstop needs to be examined. Recent game had umpire claim fence unsafe.
  - Scheduling for HS discussed
  - Grounds
    - Columbia and Lower Columbia mulch finalized

- **Memorial Day Parade Monday May 30th**
  - Budget requested was approved to purchase hot dogs and Ritas
  - Volunteers being organized to help

- **Union County Kids Rec Trust Grant Project**
  - Submission due in August – ideas to be presented in May meeting
  - Resurfacing upper courts, basketball courts and drainage was raised today

- **Summer Concert Series**
  - Everything is set for bands and locations. Carolyn is assessing new opportunities based on sponsorships.
    - Considering new ideas like blow ups, face painting, and other art based ideas to drive more family friendly participation

- **Memorial Park Pavilion**
  - New pavilion to be erected mid-June 2022.

- **Miscellaneous**
  - Kelsie had baby in office
Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm
  - Motion to adjourn – Deb
  - Second - Sean