

**HUNTINGTON WOODS PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

TUESDAY, January 26, 2021

7:30 pm Remote Meeting

Members Present- F. Spencer, M. Caesar, J. Zieldoroff, S. Cohen, J. Steinhart, A. Philko, M. Gustafson,
S. Potter, K. Tarnopol, J. Aisen

Staff Present – T.Shanley, B.Levine, J.Furlong, C.Nutton

Guests Present – C.Galed, G.Linden, S.Ruttenberg, S.Turner

- I. Call to Order by Chair, Frank Spencer- 7:34PM

- II. Welcome New Board Member, Suzie Potter- long-time resident, husband was on the board.
Happy to be here to help the community.
 - Board members introduced themselves and were happy to welcome Suzie.

- III. Approval of Agenda for January 26, 2021- Motion- Jeff Aisen Second- Jessica Steinahrt

- IV. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2020- Motion- Jeff Aisen Second- Sheila Cohen

- V. Correspondence- None

- VI. Public Participation
 - a) Gail Linden- Happy to see the railing at the rec center was installed. Waiting to hear about the gazebo to see if it was enclosed. Requested to open it up a little more. Mary responds that Steve helped the issue.

- VII. Items of Business
 - a. Staff Reports-

Bridget- Finished Nailed It Baking Challenge, 34 people signed up. Ages ranging from 5- up. Another one in February and March. Working on the pool and hiring for lifeguards. Available until March 5th. Online classes going on.

Tracy Shanley- Really successful mask sale from Teen Council. Meeting twice a month on zoom. 25-35 teens a month attend, with different themes to keep the teens engaged. Teen Council participates in Kahoot Trivia games, dance parties, and fun facts. Having a bonfire and smores in the beginning of February. Pre mini lead workshop was in the middle of January. Youth Symposium is coming up that will occur on zoom. 3 mini workshops will occur on zoom due to Covid. The Anti Racism calendar was put out to the community and got great reviews. Fruit camps are looking to do in person but will look completely different. Out to the public on February 18th with information about the lottery and sign up. Camp will only be for residents this summer due to limited spots. Winterfest was great with a bonfire, music, ice skating, and snow painting.

Jen Furlong- Job responsibilities have shifted since Covid. More about reassurance calls with happy birthday calls, over the age of 60. Giving out resources for Covid vaccines and directing people to get them. Created a Huntington Woods hotline and there is an email for quick responses. Accommodate residents with transportation. National Honors Society has been participating with senior activities and opportunities to join calls. 900 people who have been added to the system with records of the services they use and verifying correct information. Public participation with advice or help to add names for the list.

Colette Nutton- Put a list together of activities and responsibilities that are completed. Working now with Bridget, who will be taking over the 60+ newsletter. Colette is teaching Bridget the program Indesign for the newsletter. Oakland County is doing different talks that are being sent out to the city. Making sure seniors are getting the emails. In December there was a senior lunch where they got sponsored by a restaurant and the senior advisory board where over 60 seniors got meals delivered with zoom entertainment. This month, re-contacting the musicians for concerts this summer on Burton field. 50th year of 4th of July in Huntington Woods. Tracy proposed the idea to do "50 things people like about HW." Every department in the city is participating in a truck parade. Lots of local cities will participate as well. Working to open the gym with covid protocols with 45 min increments the week of February 1st. The residents will be notified. The Men's Club auction is coming up.

- b. Mission Statement- Kim explains what she drafted after the November meeting. She writes "The Huntington Woods Parks & Recreation Board is committed to ensuring that programs and services align to equity, inclusion, and diversity in order to meet the needs of all residents." Seeking approval at the next meeting.

VIII. Department Update- Reynolds Park fitness equipment was approved as the Men's Club project. RFP will be put out. Looking to be installed in August. Hoping for \$40,000 from the Men's Club auction. Preschool is happening and latchkey is going when school starts next week. Railing has been installed and a gazebo has been enclosed.

IX. Plan of Action for Next Meeting- mission statement will be approved next meeting

X. Board Member Comments

- Colette explains that next Friday is Mary's last day and they will be having a zoom call at 4pm to send Mary off.
- Kim talks about Scotia Park and how the kids are digging the hill. She thinks that there are new and different purposes and it's going over well.
- Jessica asks about the removal of the porta potties and if they were taken down due to weathering.

XI. Adjournment, Jeff Aisen at 8:31pm