

North Hampton Recreation Commission Meeting April 17, 2019

In attendance: Joe Manzi, Marty Tavitian, Danille Strater, Chris Poppalardo, Wally Kilgore, Jane Morse, Dale Rocheford

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Citizen's comments: none

March minutes accepted as amended to reflect there will no bounce house available on Home Day

All present voted to accept Chris Poppalardo as a new member of the Commission.

Easter Egg Hunt review:

It was discussed to determine the best timing of the arrival of the Easter Bunny on the fire truck. This year the arrival was just before the hunt and there was discussion about the arrival occurring after the hunt next year. It was considered a great success and lots of fun for everyone who participated. Lindt Chocolate was very generous in their candy donation and thanks to Dale and Marty for securing those donations. Leftover candy was given to the North Hampton School nurse Mara as donations for those in need. Danielle's son Max did a great job as the Easter Bunny and will be given a gift card as a thank you. This is his second year as the Bunny. The costume will need a new zipper before use next year.

Memorial Day BBQ:

The date is May 27th and will be held directly following the parade and ceremony at the Stone Building. The BBQ will follow the previous 2 years with regard to scheduling, timing and menu. The last 2 years approximately 300 plus people attended and we expect the same attendance this year. Donations will be sought from Joe's, North Hampton Business Association, Dunkin's, Shaw's and Hannaford. We will hold the BBQ inside the fire station and decorate the tables with patriotic cloths and flags. There will be a donation jar for those who would like to contribute. Last year's contributions were 375.00. With all the donations there was no cost to the town for providing this fun event. Volunteers are welcome.

Washington DC trip:

Thirty nine kids participated in the trip, 20 girls and 19 boys. All but 4 of the eighth graders went and 12 seventh graders traveled to DC. There were many highlights of the trip including the placing of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, There were 4 students who presented the wreath donated by Bill Fox with over 100 other students watching. A very moving experience for our students. Several hours were spent at the Holocaust Museum as well as the Ghost Tour. Over 20 miles of walking in Washington DC were covered by students and chaperones. The weather held and the trip considered a great success. The tour bus driver said the North Hampton students were a great group of kids, very polite and well mannered. The hotel was excellent. A check of 23,000 was paid to Fox Tours. The families paid 100% of the cost including a transaction fee of 20.00 per student.

PASA:

The luncheon was held April 16th at the Town Hall and will be held the second Tuesday in May instead of the usual third Tuesday of the month. Last month's lunch at the Tuckaway Tavern was a great success

enjoyed by all. The Pasty Kline show at the Ogunquit Playhouse will be held in June. The new van is enjoyed by everyone!

Old Home Day:

This will be held the second Saturday in August with a rain date of the following day, Sunday. There will be a concert at the bandstand by the Ba Ha band with a start time of either 5:30 or 6:00, to be determined. If the rain date schedule is needed, there will be no band. The American Legion cannot provide food and it is hoped perhaps the Masons will be able to do so. Other options were discussed such as a food truck or a BBQ. More discussions on food are needed. Many fun activities and games are being planned for this first annual event.

Softball:

It is coed with 4 teams with 15 as ideal number of members. Those who sign up to play cannot be guaranteed to be placed on a specific team, but requests will be honored as best as possible. Coaches will meet once before the season begins in late June. There will be 8 games played.

After school activities:

Parks and recreation run the program in collaboration with Joe Manzi. Enrollees and staffing are ramping up and higher volume is needed to help keep cost down. Grades are K through six and the program is run until 6:00.

By Laws will be discussed at next meeting in May.

The meeting was over at 7:03.