

Recreation Committee Meeting

2/8/22

Meeting held via zoom and called to order at 5:10pm.

In attendance: Kendle, Chapman, Piekarski, Jordan, Anderson, Cioffi, Ricks. Absent: Brown, Eagles, Sood, Gartrell, McAllister.

Public Comments: none

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from January meeting- motion made and seconded to approve minutes

Kenny Pickett visit- (Ocean Twp Heisman nominee) Kendle said his visit to AP would be delayed because he is entering the draft. Ricks reiterated that we reach out former AP resident and NBA player Najee Smith to visit his hometown.

Self defense classes- tabled until next meeting. I would focus more attention on reaching out to Victor Lashley regarding classes

Swim lessons- I had an initial discussion with the Boys Club about swimming. Karen and I are working on the details. Ricks asked about adult swim lessons. I will follow up on that.

Bylaws updated- a motion was made and seconded to approve the minor changes to the bylaws regarding a quorum.

Family Fun bbq- As requested by Chairperson Kendle, info from the 2019 event was provided to each Committee member. No further discussion was held on this.

New Business:

Tennis initiative: Aaron Williams spoke to the Committee about a tennis program that he would like to expand using the courts on Bangs between the schools. Right now he doing a tennis program at the Boys Club and is looking to expand it into the community. He has had communication with the Superintendent, since its bd of ed property. He said he isn't looking for money from the City but looking to for the City to support the program. Chapman asked if the City ever did a tennis program and I said yes, an indoor program. Ricks asked about the courts being regulation size. Anderson asked about the resurfacing of the courts, how would that be accomplished. Aaron said he has volunteers and grants could fund the upgrades needed for the courts. Kendle asked about a start date. Aaron's goal is to start in early April and has secured 23 racquets and balls through donations. Both Anderson and Ricks expressed concern about outsiders coming in to use the courts and our youth and residents not having access to the courts. Anderson explained to Aaron that others have come into AP and offered many different types of programs, then just disappeared. She doesn't want to see that happen. Ricks expressed concern about how the program would impact the neighborhood both negatively and/or

positively. In conclusion, Aaron thanked us for our time, heard our concerns and would be updating us at a later a date.

Comments by Committee members:

Chapman spoke about the Rock and Roll for Recreation on 4/28. Fundraiser for AP youth to attend summer camp.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm