

PARK & RECREATION BOARD OF HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF 9-6-2012 MEETING

Park Board Members Present: Jason Fralick (Arrived at 8:15), Kim Hyeseon, Todd Kirsten, Jean Miranda, Yvonne Smith.

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Todd Kirsten, at 7:30 PM.

APPROVE MINUTES

The 8-9-2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

PARK WALKTHROUGH

The board did a walkthrough of Municipal Park. Board members visually inspected the tennis court and discussed the planned project to install in-ground removable post sleeves, the timeline for surface enhancements/improvements, and the ice rink. They also visited the pavilion site and talked about the location of the Scout project (new fire pit) which is to take place this fall. The board discussed the issue of numerous park signs scattered throughout the park and ideas on how to address this issue. One idea is to have a single sign which includes all the park rules and information. Another idea is to choose a location where all the signs could be mounted to a single post. This item is not a high priority matter and will be discussed further at future meetings.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

After some discussion about the length of the program, overall cost of the program, and available township funds in 2013, the board finalized its park program recommendation. The recommendation consists of keeping the program operating and free of charge for Halfmoon residents, keeping it at a length of six weeks, reimbursing for CPR/First Aid training rather than holding a township training date, keeping Cathy Andrews as the Program Director if she's willing and able, limiting the number of hired program staff to six seasonal employees (Director, one adult leader, and four teen leaders), decreasing the requested "supplies" budget, and keeping the "Little People's Park" the same as it was in 2012. The board discussed how the program's cost has significantly decreased over the past two years, and should decrease even further in 2013, based upon this recommendation.

There was discussion regarding the sport field/pavilion user agreement and how it would be ensured that any money from park facility user fees would be put solely toward Halfmoon's parks. This topic will be the focus of the Park Board's October 2012, regular meeting.

Adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Minutes drafted by:

Todd Kirsten
Chairman, Park & Recreation Board of Halfmoon Township