

A. CALL TO ORDER

730 PM by CS

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Open meeting Public Notice

Read by CS

C. ROLL CALL

731 In attendance CS CR JS MD JF

D. WELCOME NEW COUNCIL LIAISON

732 New Liaison Deputy mayor Jack Mcavoy

E CHAIRPERSON UPDATE

732 Nicole T. new current member

733 April 21 Meeting remains

Sept 29 new date

Nov 5 new date

No meeting June-Sept

New meeting time 730 to 7pm

F. SUB COMMITTEE

735 parks and Facilities MD no updates with sub committee

736 CS Sub committee should discuss Everett field and Centennial field updates

Possible fees to Verona rec for football baseball etc. use of fields

Rec program and events

JS no updates

Community pool

CS Budget projection, bathroom updates, new food contract.

Disability

Tabled no updates

738 JF Budget and Masterplan

CS Revenue and expenses to general. Need to break it down even further and be more detailed.

740 Sub committees need to be a little better with meeting and talking amongst each other.

G. RECREATIONAL REPORT

741 Pam Priscoe Monthly Rec dept report.

Busy month with winter programs Ski trips a success. Not in red for ski this year 131 kids participated. Bus transportation was 15k

742 CS Anticipate staying at \$130 fee for ski trip ?

PP Increased fees if busing costs continue to increase. The biggest cost factor is busing. No more than 145 kids can participate because another bus would be needed.

744 CS Asks a sliding scale of \$120-175 to provide enough room for the future.

745 PP Senior programs running low members sliding scale is \$10-120

38 session for senior exercise 1 dollar per lesson is the cost (program cost \$40)

747 CS What is the percentage of fee compared to tax payer input.

749 CS Take info back to sub committee to bring up some ideas.

750 JS Cedar grove charges more for the same service. Verona instructors are teaching in other towns due to classes being full.

753 CS 2026-27 Budget to PP when will we have breakdown of rec budget.

754 CS Basketball was a great success this year. Many parents agreed that it was a success.

755 PP Spring programs will have increase of \$5

756 CS every program losing money doesnt think \$5 is enough. Sliding scale provided more of an increase if needed.

757 JM Suggests just getting through this spring first since prices are already set and revisit next year..

PP All fees are for 2026 budget

758 CS Subcommittee will focus on 2027 fee schedule

759 PP Spring programs set to go out in mid march. Will like to move things up sooner in future so people have more tim to register. Possible extra employee on recreation staff to assist.

800 PP Summer camp is \$400 for 5 week program

801 CS Has concerns about summer playground programming. The rate is too low

802 PP Explains the rate has been so low for so long that there are concerns if there is a huge jump in price. PP would like to have more of a gradual jump.

803 PP Summer camp starts last week in June and all of July.

804 JS Asks why summer camp ends early? PP Responds staffing is the biggest issue.

806 CS Town council members were concerned about costs going up too fast and having residents afford programs. This is the reason for the rec affordability fee program. Maybe we can do the same with the summer program.

810 A conversation with the town council on the possibility of an affordability fee program for summer needs to begin.

810 MD Could possibly run into situation where higher income families are covering the cost of programs.

812 CS For years rates never increased. This is the reason why we are in red and the place we are at now.

814 JM Suggests if people get discount some people may come that may have never come at all

815 PP Suggests we can look at Montclair's way of rec fee affordability. (fee based on free and reduced lunch program)

820 CS Look at Montclair example for next year.

822 MD to PP Asks is criteria same for lunch program.

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