

Village of Westchester
Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 11th, 2013
Village Hall-Community Room
7:00 PM

Present

Sucada Bell*
Neil Faulkner
Jim Gabel
Nicole LoCoco
Abigail Martin
Charles Pedersen
Mirika Sentongo
Tom Yurkovich
* **absent**

Start Time: 7:07 p.m.

Discussion

I. Approval of August meeting minutes

II. Get out and play day: We are moving forward with this event and first on the agenda is to cement a date with the park district. We are looking to have the event at Mayfair and our possible dates are May 31st or June 7th. We will need the use of the fields at Mayfair and also the banquet facility. We would like to have a voucher card for each participant and after they get so many punches from the different vendors, they will be entitled to a free swim at the pool. The actual day of play is September 21st this year. The village is a part of the National League of Cities, which has information regarding this event, so we can get info from there. We are looking to have exercise programs for all ages present. We would like to get WBI, WGS, AYSO, Raiders and any other sports/dance programs in town to come out and run little camps. This is great exposure for these groups. We could look into senior bocce ball. It would be great to have Jewel donate water and bananas as they did for the JDRF walk/ health fair. We could ask Walgreens to come set up a booth. They had fantastic giveaways at the health fair. Physical therapy businesses are also on the list of businesses to contact. The government has the eating right campaign-7 a day and the healthy plate initiative. I'm sure we could get pamphlets regarding this.

III. High school: Jim brought up a very good idea to put an article in the newsletter addressing this situation, instead of having the town hall meeting. At the end of the article we could attach the survey that Mirika made up and get people's feedback that way. Tommy can email Sam and get him to write about his experience. Abby can email the attorney and ask him to also put his experience into words. We can also try to get in touch with residents that were close to the situation in 96-97. Dana Wesolowski has some of the old articles that were given to her by a

neighbor. Abby will ask her to copy them and give us the copies to use for the article. We are still looking for the end goal to have a village board formed that is solely dedicated to the high school. We would like to have a liaison to the township as a part of this board and we are really trying to move this forward on this issue and create some positive changes.

IV. New Business: Tommy informed us that the green team recycling is having an e-recycling, shredding and food drive on Saturday, October 12th from 9-12. Apparently this event has been changed to Saturday, November 9th from 9-12. There will still be a recycling event on the 12th, but the majority has been moved to the 9th. They would appreciate any help they can get for the event on the 9th.

Toys for tots: we will be doing this again this year. We will have collection boxes at the village and hopefully the park district. We will also ask that people bring a donation to the tree lighting at the firehouse.

Vet run food drive: It was mentioned to have a food drive in conjunction with the vet run. This would be great timing seeing as the vet run is in the beginning of November. Tommy will talk to the woman who runs the pantry.

Garden at Gardner and Drury: this is supposed to be a vegetable garden but people took interest too late in the season to plant so the club 6 kids from the park district planted some flowers there this year. We are looking to get the word out earlier next year to make it a successful community garden with vegetables.

Suburban life: Jim mentioned that he was reading through Suburban Life and he saw no info about Westchester, even though the paper is geared toward Westchester, LaGrange, western springs and a handful of other surrounding towns. He contacted the paper and they told him they were not contacted with any Westchester news. Jim was wondering who gives the paper the news for the town. Tommy will look into this.

Adjournment: 8:37

If you have any questions or comments regarding these minutes please contact abbymartin23@gmail.com. The next meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board will take place on Wednesday, October 9th 2013 in the community room of the village hall.