

# Rec Meeting Minutes and Follow Up

December 17, 2020 Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:06.

Charlie Hoffmann provided updates on the following topics:

**Home Holiday Decorating Contest** – The Middle School Student Council members, along with their teachers, met with Charlie and Oscar via Zoom. They looked at the videos and picked the top 3 houses, plus 1 honorable mention. Gift baskets will be provided shortly.

\*\*\*Eric Harris offered to film the homes via drone for posting on our website & social media.

**Westside Tree Lighting** took place virtually. 9 Middle School Students performed 2 songs on the violin, with the help of the Count Basie Theatre Music Education program. The event occurred in cold, rainy conditions, however the Mayor and the kids did a great job.

**Santa Calls** are completed. The number of calls was down from last year, presumably because most sheets are picked up & returned at school. It was a great job by Enrico C and the volunteers from the Rotary Club.

**Santa Letters** are also completed. We had well over 300. One child put money in her letter as a gift to the reindeer. We spoke with the parent and decided to make a contribution to Lunchbreak and that was noted in the returned letter. Also a phenomenal job by the Rotary team personally responding to each letter. Our team handled the Spanish letters and any miscellaneous letters as well.

**Clothing Drive** will officially wrap up on December 18<sup>th</sup>. If we get any extra donations after the date, we will get them to folks that could use them. The outpouring has been tremendous with over 1000 items being given out throughout the community. Recipients included individual families, Lunchbreak, RBCS, RBPS and the RB Seniors. Special thanks to Elijah, Rose and Councilman Ballard for their efforts going door to door with clothing items (the timing was perfect, right before a cold storm came). This was, by far, our biggest outpouring to date; All the credit goes to the generosity of the community.

### **Rec Programs/Winter Update**

All gym programs are on hold as the latest Executive order prevents any indoor gym use through January 11<sup>th</sup>. Rec staff will meet with Dr. Rummage on January 5 to decide next steps, pertaining to the latest update. We hope to have indoor soccer, indoor basketball, 18-22 sports and adult basketball once permitted.

**Turf Field** renovation project is on the table for 2021. We are hopeful to do it in June/July as that timeframe worked well for the track project.

### **Open Discussion**

Eric Harris reiterated his willingness to help the department any way he can, including filming. He also spoke about helping/partnering with RBFC Travel Soccer, noting that he has had some conversations with John and Charlie and offered some ideas & suggestions to be discussed further.

We discussed the importance of utilizing our young adults to ref/umpire our sports. Several do so now in all the sports, but the appetite to increase that number is clear.

An update regarding the status of improving the Count Basie bleachers was asked for. Charlie to research and report back. It was noted that Terrence Walton may have some insight.

Adrienne Bilaal suggested sharing a yearly outlook/2021 master plan. This would include events, league info, classes, projects and more. Charlie to provide in January.

The group noted that meetings will continue in 2021 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Hopefully, we will be able to switch from Zoom to in person, when applicable.

The group exchanged holiday wishes and adjourned at 8:05.