



Hershey's Mill Sports Committee All Resident Meeting Minutes
5/15/25 @11:00

Attendees: Jack Bradley, Judy Dale, Mary Ann DeFalco, Sherry Kane, Lynn Mander and Dave Nagurney. Sports Board Liaison: George Earle

The meeting was called to order by Dave and was held in our new pavilion at the Village Green. In addition to the Committee, 35 Hershey Mill residents were in attendance including leaders of the various sports activities.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn's advised that there is \$12,493.25 in the general sports account and \$1,274.39 in the bowling account. The Sports Committee receives no funding from the MA for operating expenses. The MA funds capital improvements and annual maintenance items only. The Sports Committee does limited fund raising, primarily through raffles at the summer Holiday events. However, one of our primary sources of funding are the Bicycle Repair and Sales done by Jeff Smith, from donated bikes. Jeff just presented a check for \$1,622.90 representing profits from the recent bike clinic, where he sold repaired bikes. Since 2020, the bike clinics have donated over \$10,000 (please double check this number with Lynn. I didn't think it was quite this high.) to the Sports Committee. The Committee expressed its sincere appreciation of their generosity in supporting HM sports activities.

Holiday Events: Dave advised the attendees on changes to the Holiday event format. Last Memorial Day, the event was open to all residents with food provided by IBX. Attendance exceeded 500 and caused concern for safety, in addition to the level of work demanded of the volunteers. It was decided to return to the past holiday events where the sport leaders organize their own program for their groups. The MA did approve a food truck from 11-2 on Memorial Day which will be parked near the bocce courts and will be cash and carry. The Fourth of July and Labor Day events will be similar.

Other Items: Sherry advised the residents that Kinetics will be offering 4 events between now and Jan 20, 2026. Kinetic will hold a Stretch Event in the old bocce court area this summer while the Pickleball courts are out of commission. Sherry also stated that today is the final day to order name tags which will be available for pickup on Memorial Day. Carroll Thompson, Bocce Sports Leader, reported that there are 220 players in this year's bocce tournament. Teams and groupings have been sent to the participants, and play will begin shortly. There are two PVC poles available to knock water off the canopies. Dave explained that the new canopies have drain holes so water accumulation is not as much an issue as in prior years. Two cornhole sets have been donated, one from the Woodshop and one from Franklin Village, for a total of three cornhole games. The horseshoe pits have been marked and will be dug soon; there will be 27' and 40' markings and shoes of various weights. Dave discussed the SKEDDA system to book sports facilities. There are QR codes available that direct you to the specific sport or pavilion booking section. George advised that the MA Board voted to limit the Pavilion to villages and sports groups this year. After an evaluation of usage, it will be revisited next year as to opening the pavilion to resident sponsored events, such as family reunions, etc. Lights and 3 fans are in the process of being installed in the Pavilion. It should be noted that access to bathroom facilities is limited after 7:30pm, during the Pool Open Season. The long-term vision is for the Village Green to be a community gathering place.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35, and residents were encouraged to mingle and to visit the tables manned by the various sports groups.

Judy Dale, Secretary