

EAST FISHKILL REPUBLICAN CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES – JULY 29, 2009

A meeting of the East Fishkill Republican Club was held at 7:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library.

ATTENDEES: Theresa Hoffman, Helmy El-Sherif, Tom Franco, Maureen Ehrhart, Nick D'Alessandro, Barbara Zawadzinsky, Marie Acampora, Marge Horton, John Hickman, Bill Green, Marj Way, Nick Fazi, Joan Fazi, Bob Pascocello, Jeff Ricker and George Wittman.

Theresa Hoffman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Maureen Ehrhart seconded the motion.

Barbara Zawadzinsky read the Treasurer's report. John Hickman moved to accept them and Theresa Hoffman seconded the motion.

John Hickman, Town Supervisor since January 1, 2006, gave a short speech and introduced Bill Green, who has been East Fishkill Recreation Director for 32 years. Bill spoke about the wide variety of events offered throughout the year by the EF Rec. Bill said many EF residents are not aware of the all the activities provided. He also said many people want to move to East Fishkill because of the Rec Center programs and the facilities available.

Some of the programs Bill spoke about are:

Children's Summer Camp – there are currently 500 East Fishkill children registered. Activities include bus trips, bowling, Fun Central, Children's Museum and many sports including waffle ball. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Red Wing Park - spring fed lake, one of the cleanest in Dutchess County, features swimming, swim lessons, swim lanes, fishing, picnic areas, two concerts every summer. Season's passes are available for both East Fishkill residents and non-residents.

Senior Citizen Program – held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for age 50 and over. Features include monthly bus trips, meals, exercise, art, Dial-a-Ride.

Trips – featuring Christmas Show at Radio City, NYC Shopping, Saratoga, Yankee and Mets games, Casinos, Army football, Museum at Bethel Woods.

Free Concerts – all summer from June to Labor Day featuring Big Band, Rock and Roll, Country music. Some of the performers include Hot Rod, Adam and the New Hearts, Johnny Dell, local bands, DJ's. The July 4<sup>th</sup> concert features fireworks.

Special Holiday Events – Halloween, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Tree Lighting

Introduction to Italian – ages 6 to 12 – early evening classes twice a week include basics, menus, games, Italian food.

Facilities include soccer, baseball, football fields, roller hockey rink, tennis courts, skateboarding area, hiking/walking trails, basketball and volleyball courts.

Also available are programs featuring dance-exercise, kickboxing, aerobics, lacrosse, golf, swimming, tennis, softball, basketball and babysitting.

Bill said that Splashdown offers discounts to East Fishkill residents on East Fishkill nights. The East Fishkill Golf Center on Route 52 gives a special rate to residents on Monday nights.

Bill spoke about the limited space available for the various programs. Many of the schools are not available for use because they are running their own activities. He expressed the need for an Indoor Center to provide programs such as those for pre-school and after school, teen center, movie night, indoor concerts, indoor sports, rentals.

An East Fishkill Recreation Guide detailing the programs is available at Town Hall.

John Hickman thanked and commended Bill and his staff for all their efforts and dedication to making the Rec Center programs so successful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Maureen Ehrhart made the motion and Nick D'Alessandro seconded it.