

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

Committee: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: January 12, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Molly Ferguson, Judy Thorp, Jake Austin, Suzanne Serrurier, Cary Gawel, Jill Cotton, Rachel Lang

Absent: James Roderick

Purpose of Meeting: Review Community Tree Lighting Ceremony/Light Up Hinckley/Coloring contest events, Spring Break open gym, upcoming programs and events, plans and ideas for 2017.

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **1. Community Tree Lighting Ceremony**

- Reviewed the event, hot cocoa bar was a success, will do again next year with more supplies for residents – estimated at least 150 residents were at this event
- Small trees with school/preschool ornaments were an issue, need another plan for next year as the trees would not stay up. Consider planting 2 trees, would need to get Community Building approval for that. Ornament placement on trees will be responsibility of schools/PTO next year.
- Large ornaments for businesses were a success – will use clear wrap donated by Hinckley Floral next year to better protect ornaments. Coordinator will reach out to company that puts Village lights up to have them place the business ornaments on the large tree, along with additional strings of lights.
- Coloring contest pictures at Tom Sparks building looked good, will do again next year with permission of Nelson Funeral Home (owner of building).

#### **2. Spring Break Open Gym possibilities**

- Some residents expressed interest in an Open Gym/Family Gym. We tried to do over winter break but were not able to secure any volunteers to supervise the Open Gym. Discussed doing an Open Gym in Feb-Mar with Coordinator Molly Ferguson supervising. UPDATE: Gym is being used most of Feb-Mar for traveling basketball, Open Gym will not be an option during that time. Will revisit another Open Gym for Winter Break in 2017.

#### **3. Review upcoming programs in Jan-Mar flyer**

- Coordinator Molly Ferguson discussed 2 programs that are upcoming, Waking up from Winter with Kendall County Forest Preserve District and Play in the Dirt but Don't get in Trouble with Bountiful Blessings Farm. Programs geared to children ages 3-7, firm dates not set but both should be in early April. Coordinator will be getting final dates/times soon and get in flyers and on Facebook to advertise.
- Board discussed upcoming programs for summer – Sports Camps. Would like to get dates set soon and word out early for these programs to generate additional interest. Board member Cary Gawel to coach Volleyball Camp again, May 30-June 2. Other considerations for camps/clinics discussed were Basketball, Softball, Running, Soccer. Will discuss in more detail at next meeting to start firming up some dates in order to get flyers, etc out to residents.

#### 4. Discuss Plans for 2017

- Coordinator Molly Ferguson expressed challenges she has faced with planning some of the 'smaller' programs with no or very little registrations, resulting in cancellation of said programs. Would like to move to concentrating on events such as the 5K, movie nights, Sports Camps that seem to be more successful. Will also concentrate on additional partnering with Library events in 2017 as this seems to work well when we can both be involved in programs/events. Board agreed with this strategy.
- **Grant Opportunities** – DeKalb Community Foundation spring grant deadline is March 1. Coordinator passed out their 2016 Overview so board members could see the types of grants that were offered last year. Discussed some options for grants such as walking path, new Garfield Park playground, Dog Park, Splash Pad. Board member Suzanne Serrurier voiced some concerns with dog park idea based on her experience with a dog park in another area. Ideas will be discussed again, will need a clear plan for something before starting grant process.
- **Budgeting for events** – Outdoor Movie Night – Coordinator to ask Village board to add 2 outdoor movie nights to 2017 Parks and Recreation budget. These events were a big success last summer and we would like to make them an annual event. Board discussed date ideas for movie nights – Friday June 2 and Friday August 11.
- **Senior Programs** – Coordinator discussed some upcoming Senior programs being planned – Senior Game Afternoons have been successful, so would like to add more options for seniors here. DeKalb Eldercare to have a presentation on Medicare and reduced vehicle stickers on Tues Feb 14, depending on interest this could be an ongoing program. Coordinator to look into Health Check programs, and board members gave contact for the HS Choir coordinator to possibly present a program for seniors.
- **Fireworks/5K** – discussed time frames, UPDATE – Fireworks are to be Saturday June 24, so Hinckley Hustle 5K will be that morning. Coordinator will begin the planning process to get the word out to residents for this event. We will also have the bike decorating station again.
- **Tye Dye Shirts** – Parks and Rec to partner with Library again on this event – will be in early July.
- **Babysitting Certification Class** – Parks and Rec to partner with Library for this program, still in planning stages.
- **Safety Village** – Coordinator asked about re-introducing this program, board agreed. Coordinator to start planning for this, program to be in June.
- **Potential Partnering with Sandwich Park District** – Coordinator meeting with Sandwich PD Coordinator Candace Kissell on Jan 17 to discuss possible partnering and ideas.

#### ITEMS DISCUSSED NOT ON ORIGINAL AGENDA:

Sugar Grove Park District is donating some items they no longer need – printer, tables and chairs, cubicle dividers. Board member Rachel Lang to take the printer, folding chairs will be used at Pioneer Park Shelter, cubicle dividers may be used by Village office.

**ADJOURNMENT 7:45PM**