

Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: October 12, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Molly Ferguson, Judy Thorp, Suzanne Serrurier, Cary Gawel, Rachel Lang, Tim Sellers

Absent: Jacob Austin, Jill Cotton

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss Royal Warrior Challenge, Community Tree Lighting, upcoming programs

SUMMARY:

1. Royal Warrior Challenge

Coordinator was happy to report that we have 52 kids signed up for this event thus far. Ski caps and medals have been ordered. Snacks and fruit to be donated by local businesses and police dept.

Discussion held about new ideas for obstacles as with the large number of participants we want to have more than last year. Board member Cary Gawel has secured hay bales and has a trailer to transport them. Coordinator has reached out to Bountiful Blessings to borrow pumpkins for event, is waiting to hear back. Coordinator has secured tires from BP. Discussed having high schoolers help with community service hours before and after race to unload and load hay bales, tires, pumpkins. Coordinator will reach out to HBRHS to get volunteers. Discussed a balance beam obstacle, Coordinator to reach out to 84 Lumber to see if any scrap wood planks could be donated. Board discussed using flags for kids during the race to add to the fun, board member Cary Gawel will get flags to use. Discussed mud pit – need to have a running water source to make more mud than last year. Coordinator to see if Public Works can keep water on at park until race, if not alternate options will be explored. Coordinator and board to meet at Pioneer Park a few days prior to the event to map out our course and obstacles.

2. Community Tree Lighting

Coordinator discussed timing of events for the evening. We will start with the hot cocoa bar/cookies at 5:30. Our little dancers will also be doing a routine at 5:30 with a couple of dances they have learned. 5:45 will be girl scouts/brownies/daisies singing carols, 6:00 announcement of coloring contest winners, thank yous, etc. Santa to come light tree at 6:10. Coordinator has secured hot cocoa and cups from the Latsch family who generously donated this last year as well. We have an anonymous donation of 100 cookies from Harringtons Bakery which is greatly appreciated. We may order more cookies depending on the weather forecast that week for the event. Coordinator will get coloring contest sheets to HBRES the first week of November and send a reminder out after thanksgiving break. Discussed business 'ornament' ideas and decided to hang them from the large tree again, but will be wrapping all of them in plastic provided by Hinckley Floral. The Hinckley Fire Dept. will be assisting with getting our lights up on the tree so they go all the way to the top. Coordinator needs to assess how many lights we have from last year (and if they are working) and will determine how many more lights are needed. Preferred lights would be the large bulb LED.

Discussed Holiday Lights contest. Board member Cary Gawel suggested having residents register to be part of the contest, we would then take photos of the decorated homes. Photos would be attached to boxes and displayed at Hinckley Fresh Market. Voting would be by the amount of perishable goods donated to boxes and one winner to be announced. Discussed awarding a small trophy or plaque for the winner to display. Coordinator to get quotes for that from Leos Trophy.

3. Upcoming/Current programs

Coordinator discussed some of the current and upcoming programs. All but one dance class is running, and 2 of the 3 dance classes are full. These programs have been doing well with the new instructor.

Open Volleyball and Open Basketball gyms start week of Oct 16.

DeKalb Eldercare came out Oct 10, no attendees. Coordinator to have registration for any future Eldercare presentations.

Discussed potential for an open gym program during Winter Break for kids, coordinator will look into and would need help supervising something like this.

Board member Rachel Lang asked about having a Basketball Clinic sometime soon, Coordinator advised that more details and information would need to be gathered before planning a program such as this.

- OPEN DISCUSSION
- ADJOURNMENT 7:30PM