

## Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Molly Ferguson, Judy Thorp, Suzanne Serrurier, Cary Gawel (via phone), Rachel Lang,

Absent: Jake Austin, Jill Cotton, Nancy Nelson

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss June 2 movie night, upcoming programs/events: Safety Village, Hinckley Hustle 5K, Decorated Bike Parade, booth at Fun Fest, Ice Cream Social. Also discussing park improvement ideas.

### SUMMARY:

1. June 2 Outdoor Movie Night

Discussed this event, we had about 75 residents attend our first movie night of 2017. A bit smaller crowd than we expected, but there were 3 baseball games that evening and June can be tough with graduation parties, weddings, etc. Coordinator reviewed expenses and income from event. We stayed well under the \$1,200.00 budget for this event, with the help of concession sales, resident donations, and business sponsors. Coordinator was happy to report that we had more than 20 sponsors for the outdoor movie nights.

2. Safety Village

Coordinator reviewed schedule of presentations for June 20-22. Hinckley Police Dept, Hinckley Fire Dept, Kishwaukee Hospital, and Oaken Acres Wildlife Center are participating in this program. Thirteen kids have signed up for this program. Coordinator asked for board member volunteers to assist with this event and board member Cary Gawel volunteered to help.

3. Hinckley Hustle 5K

Discussed this upcoming event. A smaller amount of registrations this year as of date of meeting, 29 registered for race. Coordinator confirmed board member availability for this event, Coordinator also following up with Jeff Strouss for middle school volunteers to assist. Coordinator to purchase marking spray for course, as well as other needed supplies such as medals and ribbons. Hinckley Fresh Market to donate bananas, Superior Beverage to donate milk, Harrington Family Bakery to donate rice krispy treats. Coordinator to make motivational signs for course per board member recommendation.

4. Bike Decorating/Bike Parade

Coordinator confirmed board member availability for this event, some board members needed at bike decorating, others to set up road barriers along parade route. Coordinator to follow up with Jeff Strouss for middle school volunteers as well. Coordinator has confirmed Public Works will set road barriers out on Friday June 23 for parade route. Coordinator has confirmed that HPD will have a squad car leading parade. Discussed Grand Marshal contest, Coordinator had only received 4 applications for this as of date of meeting. Coordinator showed board members the decorations purchased, it was agreed we had enough for this event and nothing additional needed to be purchased.

5. Booth at Family Fun Fest

Discussed options for booth. Coordinator reserved booth for 3:00-6:00, if slow we will have booth from 3:00-5:00. Discussed games; decided punch game that was popular at Ice cream Social last year may be too difficult with the larger crowd expected. Board and Coordinator decided on a tarp game where kids toss balls in different holes made in a large tarp. Board member Rachel Lang to make tarp game. Coordinator to bring Parks & Rec promotional items (magnets/water bottles/bracelets) to give as prizes.

6. Ice Cream Social

Coordinator advised that HBA has confirmed date of Ice Cream Social will be Monday Aug 14. This will coordinate nicely with our second outdoor movie night which is on Friday Aug 11 as an 'end of summer' weekend before school starts. Coordinator working on entertainment, Matt Davis who performed last year to get back to Coordinator soon with confirmation as to performing again this year. Will discuss games, etc we may offer for this event at a future meeting.

7. Park Improvements

Coordinator would like to see Parks & Recreation have a project for improvement, we have discussed this before but have not had anything come to fruition as of yet. Coordinator discussed the fact that our events note that funds raised will be used for improvements to our parks but no notable improvements have been made recently. Coordinator mentioned 2 areas that need improvement/replacement: Garfield Park playground and Pioneer Park tennis courts. Both are in need of repair and/or replacement. The Garfield Park playset is 15 years old and showing many signs of deterioration, and the tennis court asphalt and court markings are deteriorated, cracking and in poor condition. Board determined that Garfield Park would be #1 needed improvement, with Pioneer Park tennis courts #2. Coordinator has had some contact with the US Tennis association regarding tennis court repairs that the association may offer grants for; but needs to get more information to determine if we would qualify for a grant. Estimated cost for tennis court \$6,500-\$8,500 with possible grant for half. Estimated cost for new playground \$15,000-\$20,000 with fundraising and grant possibilities to cover some of this cost. Coordinator to bring these both up at Village board meeting on June 19.

8. Items not on agenda

Coordinator brought up future programs; starting up dance classes again in August or September, have not had any registrations recently. Some residents have expressed the need to have classes later to accommodate working parents; coordinator to work with dance instructor to see if later times may be able to be accommodated with her schedule. Board members mentioned also seeing if NIU may have options for instructors.

Discussed having a CPR/First Aid class – Board members Suzanne Serrurier and Judy Thorp offered contacts for CPR/First Aid classes as well as babysitting course. Coordinator to follow up with contacts to see about getting programs in place soon.

Coordinator mentioned Zumba class is on hold as former instructor cannot teach any longer due to health issues. Coordinator is working with an existing Zumba participant who is getting licensed in July and hopefully will be able to take over classes.

Board members discussed having some sort of Fall Event this year. A wine/beer festival, Oktoberfest type of event was mentioned to be held at Pioneer Park. This idea will be discussed in more detail at a future board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:15pm**