

Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: August 2, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

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

Absent: Nancy Nelson, Tim Sellers

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss Hinckley Hustle, Aug 11 movie night, upcoming programs/events, Garfield Park playground, tennis court, Morton Arboretum tree program, Homecoming parade, Bountiful Blessings fall fest, Ice Cream Social, Royal Warrior Challenge.

SUMMARY:

1. Hinckley Hustle 5K

Discussed this event, we had a lower turnout than previous years. Event was still successful as we had many more business sponsors. Coordinator reviewed expense and income statement with board members. Discussed ideas for next year to generate more interest. A themed race was discussed, having Poms or other performance before race to add to the excitement. We also discussed having race on a different weekend as some board members thought race numbers were effected by other local races occurring the same day. As we just had a banner made noting race is the last weekend in June the race will continue to be held that weekend. Will concentrate on additional advertising next year as well as a theme to help raise numbers of our Hinckley and vicinity runners. Discussed race route signs, current ones were falling apart this year. Coordinator will order new signs before next year's race.

2. Outdoor Movie Night – August 11

Coordinator confirmed board member availability for this event as well as middle school volunteers. Reviewed items needed to purchase prior to event; most we have from prior movie night. Discussed issues with children playing on playground during the movie showing. This has become a problem and is interfering with the residents watching the movie, as well as being a potential for injuries occurring. Coordinator will announce prior to the movie that the playground cannot be used, and caution tape will be placed around the playground to discourage the use as well. Coordinator discussed a conversation with the HBR PTO, they had asked to possibly fundraise at our movie nights. Discussed options for something such as this, an idea for next year would be to have the PTO offer an activity prior to the movie night showing for a small fee or donation. Coordinator will share this with the PTO representative.

3. Ice Cream Social – August 14

Coordinator reviewed board member availability for this event. Discussed entertainment this year, Coordinator has been working with the NIU school of Music and we will have Suzuki guitars and Ukelele's for the event. NIU does not charge a fee for these performances. Discussed games for the event, we will offer our tarp game again for kids to play. Board agreed to keep things simple this year.

4. Upcoming Programs and Events

Coordinator reviewed the recent program flyer and discussed status of some of the upcoming programs and events. Discussed the design of the flyer - printer charged a small fee for the first page to be all color, this stands out quite well and will be used for future flyers.

5. Garfield Park Playground

Coordinator and trustee Tim Sellers met with Pat Puebla/Play & Park Structures on July 25 to discuss the playset at Garfield Park in preparation for an eventual replacement of this playset. Coordinator discussed the meeting with board members, is waiting for additional details from Pat Puebla as far as pricing, grant opportunities, etc. Will forward to board once received. A community build was discussed at the meeting and coordinator thinks this would be a great way to save money on installation costs as well as getting the Village involved in this project and taking ownership. Coordinator provided some preliminary options for the playset for the board to look at. Estimated cost of playset to be \$15,000-\$20,000 with the understanding that funds will be raised via grants and fundraising to cover as much of the cost as possible. Coordinator discussed HBR elementary schools presentation at the Village board meeting on July 17. The presentation at the Village board meeting was primarily to make the Village aware of the schools efforts to obtain a playset and why it will be a benefit to students and the community. The school is interested in potentially fundraising together for the playset projects. Coordinator and board discussed this, there are concerns about how this could work due to the much higher cost of the HBRES playset and increased time frames to fundraise due to that. Board is not sure how funds would/could be properly allocated with fundraising together. Coordinator wants to make sure whatever route we take for this project is carefully thought out before proceeding.

6. Tennis Court

Coordinator and instructor Kevin Farrell met with US Tennis Assoc Bret Schrama on August 1. Discussed many ideas, from tennis court repair to starting a community tennis association and the USTA coming to school to discuss tennis and hold a tennis clinic. Board was happy about the potential of a clinic to gauge interest by students and parents. Coordinator to send more details on the meeting and updates as this moves forward. Board asked about potential of a pickle ball court instead of tennis, coordinator will bring up to Bret Schrama for further discussion.

7. Morton Arboretum Tree installation

Coordinator to meet with Morton Arboretum reps on August 9 to visit our local parks and discuss potential for tree planting in our area. The Arboretum also offers educational opportunities to get the community interested and involved with trees and tree planting. Coordinator will share more details with board after the meeting on Aug 9.

8. Homecoming Parade

Coordinator has volunteered Parks and Rec to be in the Homecoming Parade this year. More details on the event will follow from school after school is in session, theme is Disney. Board will discuss and share ideas between now and next parks board meeting in early Sept. Coordinator discussed offer from Big Rock park district to donate a 9x20 people mover to us to use for events such as this. Coordinator is attempting to find storage for the people mover as it cannot be left outside due to its wooden construction. Coordinator had discussed option of using Pioneer Park shed for storage, but Public Works advised this is where all picnic tables are stored in the winter. Big Rock PD member Gene Nehring had provided some contact names of residents who may have storage options, board member Judy Thorp provided phone numbers to have coordinator call.

9. Bountiful Blessings Fall Festival – Oct 8 & 9

Discussed this event – Parks & Rec to contribute \$250.00 toward a bounce house, total cost for large bounce house is \$350.00 for 2 days or \$250.00 for small bounce house. Jeff Wielert is deciding which option to go with, coordinator will follow up with him. Discussed the pumpkin carving contest the farm wanted to do last year (didn't get registrations), determined that we may help with this but not if actual knives are used due to safety issues. Coordinator will get more details on this as well.

10. Royal Warrior Challenge – Oct 28

Discussed this event, looking at some new ideas for this obstacle course race. Would like to try to do mud pit again as long as we can get enough water in the area. Coordinator will work on getting hay bales to borrow again. Reviewed ideas for race hats/neck gators, etc. Coordinator considering using Royals colors but will check with HBR boosters first to make sure they are not selling anything similar. Coordinator to distribute flyer for this event once school is in session.

ADJOURNMENT 8:00pm