

## Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date: September 7, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

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

Absent: Nancy Nelson, Tim Sellers, Jill Cotton

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss Outdoor movie night, Homecoming parade, Royal Warrior Challenge, Holiday tree lighting, Garfield Park Playground, Bountiful Blessings Fall Fest, Tennis Court, Recent/upcoming programs

### SUMMARY:

1. Outdoor Movie Night

Discussed this event, approximately 60-75 residents attended the most recent movie night. Concession sales and donations down from previous movie nights. Coordinator discussed option to only have one movie night next year, may also have to think of other options next year as Village board may not be able to fund movie night expenses.

2. Homecoming Parade

Coordinator wants to have Parks & Rec represented in the parade. Discussed options and we will keep it simple, will have 1-2 golf carts for board members to ride on, carry the parks & rec banner, and toss small goodie bags to parade watchers.

3. Royal Warrior Challenge

Discussed this event. Will have new obstacles and will confirm exactly what those will be at parks meeting in early Oct. Coordinator purchases pool noodles to be used as hurdles or crawl unders. Will ask Diamond Lube N Oil if we can use any tires for tire obstacle. Discussed options for event 'swag' and decided to do a ski cap in Royals colors. Ski cap was popular last year and is also the most cost effective option. Coordinator to consider purchasing additional ski caps to sell to spectators/residents who may want them. Coordinator to reach out to Daily Chronicle to see if they would like to come out and report on this event again to generate interest. Coordinator to ask HBRES to make announcement about event as well to get kids excited to sign up. Coordinator to email parents of kids that attended race last year to remind about race.

4. Holiday Tree Lighting

Event to be held Friday December 1. Coordinator confirmed Santa will be available. Discussed tree and business ornaments, Coordinator and trustee Tim Sellers working to find options to get tree lights up to top of tree. Board discussed business ornaments and have an idea to put them on stakes around the large tree, with plastic wrapped around to protect from the elements. Discussed school ornaments and board agreed that we will give that project back to the schools as last year the number of ornaments was too much for us to handle. Will have the coloring contest again. Coordinator working on options for hot cocoa bar and cookies to see if residents/local businesses may be able to donate items. Coordinator advised that the Hinckley Business Association has offered their help with this event as well.

5. Garfield Park Playground

Coordinator reviewed playground options and pricing with the board. Pricing is between \$19,000-\$28,000 for a community build. This project will be a long term one that will continue to be discussed at future meetings as Parks & Rec will need to be fundraising and attempting to get grants to fund this project.

6. Bountiful Blessings Fall Fest

Discussed the event and bounce house, Coordinator advised that Village board did not approve bounce house donation by Parks & Rec as this event is a private business that is not in the Village limits.

7. Pioneer Park tennis court/tennis program

Coordinator continues to work with USTA on planning future tennis programs and looking at tennis court repairs, will have a follow up meeting with tennis camp coach Kevin Farrell, USTA rep Bret Schrama and possibly HBRES principal to discuss next steps. If funding is to come from USTA grants to help with repairs we will need to include things such as handicap access and additional expenditures. Board discussed option to just re-sealcoat the court to save money, Coordinator will look into this.

8. Recent/Upcoming programs

Coordinator discussed some of our recent programs; CPR certification class was well attended, BLAST babysitting class is getting several registrations, some of the new dance and ballet classes are running and gaining registrations. Zumba started up again in September and instructor Michele Larsen reports good attendance thus far. We are planning more partner programs with Kendall County Forest Preserve dist for October and December, these have been very popular programs. Board member Cary Gawel is considering running a Co-Ed Volleyball open gym this fall/winter, Coordinator to post on Facebook to gauge interest by residents. Board member Jake Austin to run Open basketball gym starting mid-Oct, Coordinator will reserve gym space at HBRHS.

9. Items not on Agenda

Coordinator discussed people move that is being offered to us by Big Rock park dist, has not been able to find storage yet. Board member Judy Thorp advised Coordinator to contact Jared Thorp about storage options.

Coordinator to ask Big Rock Park District rep Gene Nehring to attend a future parks board meeting to discuss the advantages/disadvantages of becoming a park district.

Coordinator advised that going forward Parks & Rec will stick to the bi monthly meeting schedule that will be posted on the Village website, with additional meetings to be planned as needed.

Coordinator discussed Ice Cream Social – was very well attended this year. Coordinator disappointed with the sound system of musical entertainment that we offered, was under the impression that proper amplification would be available but that did not seem to be the case. If the same entertainment is used next year we will make sure this is discussed ahead of time.

- OPEN DISCUSSION
- ADJOURNMENT 8:15PM