

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Aug 6th 2024

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm

Present: Jan Warner, Harry Bovio, Jim Bosman, Julie Sweet, Mark Gollehon, Michael Merritt

Member not present: Tanya Campbell

Guest: Clark Maynard

Approve Minutes – Minutes of 4/2/24 and 6/4/24 approved (Jan motioned, Harry and Julie seconded, voted unanimously to approve each document)

Treasurer's Report

FY25 budget is \$9K. Budget Balance \$8,300. Due to an issue with the monthly budget expense variance reports, we had \$1,000 less than we thought at the end of FY24 so some year-end expenses had to be funded from the donations account. Final report for year-end is not yet available.

Summer Celebrations

Pool party was a great success. The 80 burgers and dogs we supplied were all eaten. There was plenty of parking. Didn't really need to shuttle people from Pumkin Hollow. Only got \$6 in our donation can. Suggestions for next year: have the food and music running at the same time, possibly look to do it a different date (June or August instead of July).

Old Business

Pickleball – Ron Sweet has started flagging the site and moving topsoil. Goal/hope is to get it built this summer/fall but highway crew is short-staffed.

Tennis Backboard – Clark Maynard is offering to build and paint. It would be mounted to the chain-link fence on the south end of the tennis court. He is estimating \$1,060 for materials. There will be an extension above the fence with a net up there. After discussion we decided to create a projection of FY25 spend before allocating funds for this project. Jan will share final financial report for FY24 when available so we can all see how the budget was spent in FY24.

What youth sports are using the field at the grammar school and when? Jim will connect with Tanya.

Ongoing Maintenance and Repairs – Issues with wooden fence and erosion along sidewalk above upper parking lot. With the new infield dirt, the infield got larger. Softball was weeding it but now too much. Could mowing contract be expanded to include infield maintenance? Could weed and feed be included in the mowing contract? What is the building committee responsible for (Ron Sweet) vs what is Parks & Rec responsible for. Perhaps we could invite Ron Sweet to our meeting to understand maintenance needs and who is responsible for what.

Concern about power at ballfield with faulty outlets which are needed for Festival of the Hills. Jan will look into the matter with Ron Sweet.

Need key for double doors on ballfield shed at tennis court. Jan looking into as well.

New Business

Jan is proposing a working group to keep tabs on the pickleball court project between meetings. Proposed members are Jan Warner, Julie Sweet, Clark Maynard, Ron Sweet and Jon Majercak. Jan motioned, Michael seconded, voted all in favor to form working group.

Suggestion for increasing visibility to bring in donations of money and volunteers for maintenance. Jim will look into possible Parks and Rec popcorn sale at Festival of the Hills on Oct 5th. Shed may not be organized in time and Snowmobile Club tent is set up right in front of the shed. Could we sell popcorn under a popup canopy instead? Concern about lining up adequate volunteers from Parks and Rec to staff the sale.

The next Park & Rec meeting is scheduled for Sept 3rd at 5:30 pm at Town Office

Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm (Jan motioned, Julie seconded, voted unanimously)

Respectfully submitted by Jim Bosman