Minutes – June 1st, 2022 City of Zilwaukee Parks & Recreation Committee

Members in Attendance:

- Stephanie Mitchell
- Jean Owens
- Beth Ehmcke
- Charlie Henning
- Kally Rowland
- Randi Sopczynski

Guests:

1. Mary Bourbina, City Manager

S. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm
C. Henning made a motion to accept the May minutes, K. Rowland to 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Bike Rodeo
    - For next year, looking to move later in the day, maybe 10-1 or 11-1. Keep the same weekend
    - Low attendance, but the kids had fun
    - Invite AAA next year
2. Coffee Klatch
    - No summer events planned, will start back up in the fall
    - 10-16 people came on any given Tuesday
    - Next event coming out of these meets could be cherry yoga
3. Movie Night
    - It is not dark enough during the day at the community hall. May need to buy black out curtains or do it in the winter
4. Paint Night – 6/8
    - Sign up sheet still at city hall
    - $35 a person
    - There is a lot of interest for this event
    - C. Henning and S. Mitchell to observe turn out the night of

New Business:

1. Community Hall
    - New rules instated. The hall will be closed at 7 pm for all private renters. Rates for both residents and non-residents were increased
    - Moving away from weddings
    - Hall will still be available after 7 pm for city or Park and Rec events
2. Memorial Park
    - Painting the courts is about to start
    - Trees will be planted soon
    - Joint work on the court infrastructure suggested for $1800 to maintain longevity of current improvements. Work could protect from rework up to 10 years
    - S. Mitchell made a motion to use $1800 out of the $5000 budget to cover the additional expense. J. Owens to 2nd motion. The motion passed.
    - Vanessa to join the next Parks and Rec meeting for next steps
        i. Need to hold a ribbon cutting after construction finishes
        ii. It will most likely be during the day Mon-Fri since the state of Michigan needs to come
        iii. Play can happen at any age. Need to plan ideas for each age group: adult swings, landscaping, etc.
        iv. Ad to monitor courts and give lessons in work
3. Carnival
    - Community gathering on a summer afternoon
    - Welcome to Summer or End of Summer Bash?
    - Could have blow ups, games, face painting, live music (DJ), food trucks, cornhole/shuffle board, dunk tank
4. Family Fall Fest – 9/10 @ 12-4 pm at Memorial Park
    - Looking to try again from last year
    - Cornhole tournament again
    - Community cook out with hot dogs, water and chips. Need to reach out to the Lions Club to see if they are willing to grill the hot dogs
    - REVISIT next meeting for more details
5. Food Truck Day
    - Target August, not during Frankenmuth or Dow Event Center food truck days
    - Could do at the riverfront to encourage the boaters and fishers
    - Could always do a food truck crawl where people would travel to each park
    - M. Bourbina to follow up on which idea will work the best

6. Summer Intern
    - Could get student volunteers from school for summer events
7. Fishing Contest – 6/12 somewhere between 10 – 4
    - Flyers out 6/2
    - Parks and Rec board requested to donate up to $250 for prizes and food
    - C. Henning made a motion to reimburse up to $250 to the Mayhan brothers: Brent and Eric. J. Owens to 2nd motion. The motion passed on the condition that receipts would be turned in.
8. Music in the Park
    - Parks and Rec board requested to donate $600 ($100 each time)
    - Mayor already has all 6 events booked
    - In September board will re-evaluate music in the park series on whether to continue support into 2023
    - C. Henning made a motion to send $600 to the Music in the Park fund. R. Sopczynski to 2nd motion. The motion passed.

C. Henning made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm, K. Rowland to 2nd motion. Adjourned.

Next Meeting on July 6th, 2022 at 6 pm