

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

