

**Minutes from the
Parks & Rec Committee Meeting
Of
January 29, 2014**

Attendees:

Trustee Richard Gust – Committee Chairperson
Trustee Larry Wells – Committee Member
Trustee Mark Ottersen – Committee Member

Tracy Miracle – Administrative Coordinator
Jon Kindseth – Administrative Services Director

Roll call was taken and the meeting brought to order at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes from the November 11, 2013 Parks & Rec Committee meeting were approved.

Discussion began regarding the Parks & Rec budget for FY15. Jon called attention to a couple of items listed that we have not done this current year and would like to know if the Committee would like us to leave them in the budget for next fiscal year. One being the flower arranging class. Per Chairperson Gust, he knows the person that would run this class and would like to check with her to see if it would be a possibility to have this class this year, and let us know. We will leave in the budget for now.

Member Ottersen stated that maybe we should start charging an entrants fee for the Beach Park Fest car show. There is currently no charge for car show participants.

Jon stated that staff is currently working on getting proposals from event planners for the 25th anniversary celebration to coincide with Beach Park Fest. Member Wells suggests holding a few events preceding the day of the event. Event planners may have some suggestions. The option of a beer garden was suggested as well as a band. The Committee is open to all ideas.

The Committee suggests cancelling our annual Farmers Market. Per Chairperson Gust, Linda Guynn has already stated she is not interested in organizing the event this year. If we have inquiries throughout the summer regarding interest in the farmers market, we will re-visit for FY16.

The Committee suggests changing the Food for the Needy line item to Shop with a Sheriff. Member Ottersen stated that the Shop with a Sheriff program was a huge success this year and it was a great feeling to be able to help so many children have a nice Christmas.

Per Chairperson Gust, cancel special needs swim, that has not been done in a few years. Would like to keep the special needs movies and hayride in the budget.

Chairperson Gust brought a brochure regarding the outdoor ice rink. Member Wells is concerned about the safety of a rink when the conditions are not safe. There would be a lot of maintenance with something like this as well.

Member Ottersen says that there are cracks in the basketball court at the park, and there is some surface crumbling where the posts are. Jon suggests budgeting \$2,000 for maintenance and repairs.

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Regarding the Zion & Waukegan Park Districts line item, Committee suggests we remove it. Jon will continue to pursue.

Frisbee Golf was suggested at Braim Park. Chairperson Gust brought a brochure. They can be permanent or movable.

Jon distributed a draft of the citizen's satisfaction survey. Jon asked that the Committee take a look at the survey, if they have any suggestions for input please let him know.

Concession stand – Included in the Committee packet was a breakdown of expenses and revenue for the concession stand. Per Jon, we are not looking to change anything in regards to the operation of the concession stand, we just want them to be aware of where we're at. Jon explained that we utilized staff to open and close the bathrooms during the week. Discussion occurred regarding a couple of issues we had over the summer. Before the concession stand is opened again this Spring we may incorporate more revisions to the application.

Member Ottersen suggests looking into Village-wide rummage sale dates and contact Entercept Corporation regarding the rental of the screen for movie night that is held that same weekend.

Easter Egg Hunt – Jon mentioned that we ordered 6,000 eggs this year instead of 8,000 as in previous years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2014 6pm