

Birdsboro Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

09/24/2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board was called to order at 7pm on 09/24/2020 at Birdsboro Borough Hall by Board President Bruce Godfrey.

Present

Bruce Godfrey, President, Matt Elgonitis, Vice President, Tom Brungard, Secretary and Board Members Bill Quinley, Ryan Acevedo, Kristen Thompson and Nancy Kauffman. Tom Brungard and Matt Elgonitis appeared at the meeting through the Zoom app.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous Birdsboro Recreation Board meeting of 08/27/2020 were approved unanimously.

New Business and Reviews of Old Business

Movie night was given unanimous final approval. Advertising will be done on social media and at the Everbrite website.

Tom Brungard reported on the developments regarding the March 2021 Craft Show at the Birdsboro Memorial Community Center. A walk through the center was set up with Bill Quinley and Tom Brungard hosted by Bob Mealand, Assistant Director of the center for the following week. Purpose of the walk through is to get an idea of amount of vendors that could be accommodated. Tom contacted Steven Hunter show chairman of the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen who showed an interest in participating. He suggested an nominal admission fee to encourage sales of crafts. Rebates would be available at individual stands with purchases. Mr. Hunter also suggested a kitchen be set up for both vendors and customers. Publicity and signage would be handled by the board. Possible media interest could be generated as part of a larger story involving Second Saturday plans. Mr. Hunter will be doing a future walkthrough of the venue location and estimated about 24-40 craftsmen could attend if the costs were manageable. The Guild has had only one show in 2020 so the interest of vendors will be high.

Bruce Godfrey reported no substantial changes in the April 2020 proposed carnival in Main Bird Park. It is still too early to get a commitment from Oscar's Amusements of Douglassville.

Tree cleanup in parks was discussed. It is considered highest priority in upcoming parks improvement projects.

A review of the no charge policy for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts by Borough Council was discussed. The policy was confirmed to be in place for future use.

Covid-19 rules for parks was discussed. Importance of following whatever state guidelines in place at the time is still the rule.

Birdsboro Hometown Christmas update was presented by Nancy Kaufman. To Address COVID19 Concerns and Restrictions (250 limit, social distancing, and masks) by the BHC committee the following will be implemented:

1. Masks will be required for all. If an attendee does not have a mask one will be available as well as a hand sanitizing station prior to entrance
2. All food items will be premade and boxed ready to go
3. There will be one entrance into the event with a one-way path for attendees to follow throughout Main Bird Park. Food Stations will be along the path. Visitors will be asked to social distance along the path.
4. Nativity Scene will be spread out and with a story being told along the way.
5. Santa will be on the path handing out either candy canes or a goodie bag to children. Probably at the end. There will only be one exit as well
6. Music to be determined. No school groups including the band will be performing. Live music if any will be performed by Abundant Life Church
7. Lighting of Main Bird Park to be arranged differently which will if possible, follow the path. There will not be a tree lighting ceremony.
8. No activities for children this year due to COVID19 (Art Bus, Blow Up Maze, and Santa's House)
9. Committee will determine the path and where stations are to be located
- 1 The event has been extended one hour to spread out visitors

Boone Area Library and Birdsboro Community Memorial Center have not finalized event plans. It is the committee's understanding the community center was holding off determining until council's position.

Discussions by members of new proposals and items not covered by agenda

Tom Brungard made some suggestions for addressing the graffiti removal at Rustic Park. He suggested Norfolk Southern be contacted and asked to provide paint and materials to the girl scouts for the project. There were questions about who actually was responsible for the railroad bridge.

Nancy Kaufman pointed out about the use of Rustic Park for a holistic for profit event.

Adjournment