

Birdsboro Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

10/22/2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on 10/22/2020 at Birdsboro Borough Hall by Bruce Godfrey, President.

Attendance

Bruce Godfrey, Matt Egonitis, Nancy Kaufman, Christen Thompson, Ryan Acevedo and Tom Brungard on Zoom. Bill Quinley was absent.

Bob Myers, Richie and Jen Bowen were in attendance from the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas Committee. Amanda Allen of the Holistic Expo organization also attended.

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Prayer by Richie Bowen of the Three Fold Blessings

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Discussions

A Birdsboro Hometown Christmas update was presented by Nancy Kauffman:

Lighting decisions have not been finalized. Jodie Ewing, the lighting coordinator, was not present. The final locations of the Christmas lights must be approved in the near future. Without a final decision on the lighting, there can be no further planning on the location of a socially distant path through the Christmas displays and activities.

The borough has given the committee a budget of \$200 for goodie bags to be distributed to participants. St. Marks(?) will be handing out goodie bag with a variety of items. The committee will decide at a future meeting appropriate contents of their own goodie bags. There are 140 lanterns available for distribution from last year's event.

Organization participation:

There will be no bouncy house or art bus this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Boone Public Library would like to sell raffle tickets. Further participation by the library is yet to be determined.

The American Legion will be providing soups in containers to go.

The Immaculate Conception Church may be providing hot cider and hot chocolate.

The boy scouts may be providing hot dogs.

Music will be played at the event but no dancing will be permitted.

No food will be allowed to be prepared at Main Bird Park.

Nancy Kauffman asked the Recreation Board to aid in the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas event. The board will give directions throughout the path and provide hand sanitizers for the participants. Christen Thompson suggested that structures could be built along the path by the board. This will be on the agenda of the next Birdsboro Hometown Christmas meeting.

The next Birdsboro Hometown Christmas meeting will be 10/27/20.

Second Saturdays Updates

Craft Show

The 3/13/21 first ever Second Saturday event is the craft show at the Birdsboro Memorial Community Center is proceeding in the planning stage. There was a meeting 9/28/20 at the community center with Bob Mealand. Mr. Mealand is the deputy director of the center. Bill Quinley and Tom Brungard discussed the location of the vendors for the show. There might be as many as 24 vendors accommodated pending Covid-19 guidelines at the time of the show. Bob gave us a copy of the contracts they use when they run a show.

Stephen Hunter, show chairman of the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen, provided access to their own show agreements/applications. The guild is excited to participate in the event pending Covid-19 considerations. They will not join in if the pandemic may prove harmful by putting on the show.

Tom Brungard passed along a suggestion from Mr. Hunter about setting up the show. He felt we might benefit from having an organizer working for a fee set up the show and coordinate the attendance of the crafts people. A motion was rejected by the board regarding this idea.

It was decided that Tom Brungard would create an application for vendors and pass it along to the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen. The application was to be created and feedback solicited from other Board members.

The craft show would be publicized on the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen Facebook page which has been very successful in past shows. Birdsboro Tomorrow. Birdsboro Today and The Recreation Board Facebook pages would also be utilized. The Reading Eagle, Southern Berks News, Pottstown Mercury and WFMZ would also be contacted regarding the show. It is felt that there would be interest in covering the show as part of a larger story on the Second Saturday programs.

Further Second Saturday Discussions

Bruce Godfrey had no further updates on a possible carnival for the April Second Saturday. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Nancy Kauffman proposed a Children Discovering Nature program in conjunction with the Big Wood organization.

It was decided by the board that the 11/19/20 board meeting would have a comprehensive discussion on planning all 2021 Second Saturday events. A calendar of events would begin to be set up. Ideas for the dates are to be submitted by board members. It is encouraged that members come up with ideas that would be within their field of interest to ensure that the members work on projects with their highest enthusiasm. A baseball themed event was suggested. Amanda Allen of the Holistic Expo organization expressed interest in participating in upcoming events.

Movie Night Recap

Christen Thompson reported that the list of attendees should have been made more legible. The purpose of the list was to help control the amount of attendees if a 250 person limit was achieved. Attendance was approximately 100 people. \$66.50 was raised for the borough. Birdsboro Youth Sports also raised money at Movie Night. The board decided that future movie nights should be held in the warmer weather months of 2021. Bruce Godfrey suggested that they be held on the fourth Friday of the month. The movie cost of \$350 might be the only obstacle to these plans. It was also suggested that a larger screen might be used for larger attendance movies.

Tree Removal from Parks Update

Tom Brungard reported that Kelly Yanos , Borough Manager, told him that the borough was continuing to take care of the removals Some trees have been removed prior to the board meeting and more are earmarked in the near future.

Budget Committee

It was determined that a Recreation Board budget committee would not be established until 2021.

Nancy Kauffman reported that money budgeted for a security camera (where?) was reallocated to other borough needs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Bruce Godfrey at 9:00PM.

The next meeting will be on 11/19/20 at borough hall. It was moved up to that date due to the 4th Thursday being the Thanksgiving holiday.

Minutes submitted by Tom Brungard with able assistance provided by Bruce Godfrey.

Minutes to be approved with any corrections, additions or amendments at the 11/19/20 meeting.