

Birdsboro Recreation Board

Minutes

1/28/21

Opening

The regular meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board was called to order by President Chruce Godfrey. The meeting was held on the Zoom application.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present on Zoom Application

Bruce Godfrey, President, Matt Elgonitis, Vice President, Tom Brungard, Secretary, Ryan Acevedo and Christen Thompson. Absent were Bill Quinley and Nancy Kauffman.

Approval of Minutes

Christen Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting. Matt Elgonitis seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

New Business

Movie Nights

Location and fundraising of Movie Nights was presented by Christen Thompson and Ryan Acevedo.

Christen Thompson recommended that Texas Field remain the location of Movie Nights for the time being. Texas Field has the best means for presenting movies. Ryan Acevedo was asked by Chruce Godfrey to weigh in on the scheduling at Texas Field. Ryan pointed out that the board should coordinate with the baseball schedule throughout the summer. Ryan will assist with that task.

Ryan Acevedo presented a description of the Birdsboro Youth Sports Moe's fundraiser. The recreation board should contact Moe's and arrange a date for the fundraiser. It would involve the public to go to the Moe's website in Exeter Township. A taco kit would then be ordered for \$10 as an example. The Recreation Board would get 10% of the proceeds. Advertising of the event would be done by the board. Ryan will start to lay the groundwork with Moe's of Exeter before the next board meeting.

Matt Elgonitis agreed with the proposal and pointed out that it would help with the cost of movie rentals that run \$350.00 each time. Matt then asked Christen if the rentals could be Fundraising would be used to partially offset the expenses of the movie rentals. Matt asked if there was a discount available due to the frequent use of the licensed movies each event. In Christen's opinion, it was not possible because there is a separate transaction for each license. Ryan asked about why the license was necessary. A discussion of this issue concluded that the license fee was a necessity to avoid fines.

Chruce asked if there were any other fundraising suggestions at this time. Matt and Ryan will investigate other possibilities including perhaps a beer fest. Christen pointed out that Ridgewood Winery has some neighborhood party events that could be transformed into a fundraiser.

Christen asked if a \$5.00 admission fee would be reasonable for each family. Matt felt it was a very good idea since the fee would be much less than a family going to a movie theater. Chruce pointed out that \$60 was raised by donations at the first Movie Night. He felt that it does not be unreasonable to charge an admission fee to help with the cost of the movie rental.

Tom Brungard brought up the possible cost of the movie screen if the arrangement with Crestwood Pool was not possible in the summer. Chruce was of the opinion that part of the admissions fees and fundraising should be set aside for a future purchase of a screen. Tom Brungard suggested the board go before borough council to request money to buy a permanent screen. Matt felt that the money could be approved by council as part of the board's budget. Chruce believed the screen purchase should be made later since a free screen was available at times. Christen asked how the screen could be mounted at Texas Field Tom and Ryan explained the pulley system in the outfield lights for raising the flag could be adapted to raise a movie screen. Ryan was informed by the municipal board that the lights project would be completed by March 2021. Christen did a quick research on prices of screens. A vote for presenting to council the request was taken with a 4-1 result with Chruce dissenting. A further discussion of the cost to ask council for \$150.

Christen Thompson presented an idea for a sensory walk to be painted on an unused slab at Rustic Park. It would involve designing and painting the slab. It was agreed that this was a good idea that would not involve major costs. The project could become a scout project with Home Depot asked to donate the painting materials. Matt suggested that the American Legion might be interested in donating since they have helped with scout projects in the past. It was decided to present this proposal to council at their March 1st meeting.

Christen also suggest that other projects could be painting the tunnels to improve the appearance with solid colors or a mural. It could become another scout project.

Second Saturdays

Tom Brungard discussed the ongoing issues with the March 2021 craft show at the community center. Only one vendor had applied as of January 28th 2021. It appeared that the feeling among the craftsmen was that Covid-19 spread in an enclosed space was an important consideration. Tom recommended that the show be held in March 2022. The reasoning was that other shows would be held later in the fall that would provide too strong competition for a new show. Chruce felt that the initial Second Saturday should be an outdoor event for 2021. An outdoor craft show might be held under tents in Mainbird Park. All members present were in agreement to postpone the craft show.

The Second Saturday in April would have a yard sale at Mainbird Park. Beautify Birdsboro and Earth Day could be events in April. Park cleanup could also be incorporated, Matt pointed out that a booth for donations at a yard sale for the recreation board. Nancy Kauffman would be asked for ideas regarding Beautify Birdsboro by Chruce. Tom asked Ryan if BYS could assist with park cleanups.

The Second Saturday in May on the 8th is open. Christen asked if there would be any problem with the bridge construction at Rustic Park interfering with events. It was pointed out that the construction would not begin until June or July 2021. A music event could be held at one of the parks. A battle of the band was proposed by Chruce. Ryan volunteered to reach out to food trucks and a music organization and then defer to Matt for the rest of the event planning. Possible alcohol permits would be considered for the event. Tom would research alcohol permits with the borough manager.

The Second Saturday in June or July would be a baseball related event with possibly food trucks. Ryan would be in charge of organizing the event. Scheduling considerations would have to be made regarding the baseball season.

Fishing Rodeo information was passed along to the board by Tom Brungard. April 24th and April 30-31. The Charley Horse half marathon will be held using Rustic Park as a starting and finishing line.

Rules and Regulations Construction Queries

Meeting with Borough Engineer Brian Boyer should take place before the next board meeting to ask for details regarding the allowed construction of any storage sheds at Mainbird or Rustic Parks and rebuilding restrooms at Rustic Park. Tom Brungard has sent an email to Engineer Boyer to clarify regulations. Christen Thompson also said that Birdsboro Hometown Christmas was looking for future storage of materials. Assorted ideas about weather resistant storage

units would be discussed with Engineer Boyer. Christen Thompson suggested that rebuilt restrooms at Rustic Park might also include storage rooms. Chruce also pointed out that flooding at Rustic Park might preclude any new construction.

BMX Event

The BMX bike event was discussed by Matt Elgonitis. Trail routes could start and end at Mainbird Park. Bicycle maintenance booths could also be used. Matt also reported he had preliminary discussions with an organization in New Jersey with experience to set up events with equipment. The preliminary cost would be \$1700 for one 45 minute show. Three shows would cost an addition \$300. The company also has worked with grants that could be applied for by the board. A \$5 admission fee with 200 attendees could cover the cost. It could be scheduled as a Second Saturday event if the board decides. Chruce felt it might be a July event and asked matt to do further research.

Fundraising Ideas

Chruce Godfrey relayed a discussion with Steve Lusky about the availability of the car museum for fundraising events. Chruce will have ongoing meetings with Mr. Lusky about other fundraising ideas.

Facebook Page Usages

Ryan Acevedo requested that the board's Parks and Recreation Facebook page be used for information about baseball registrations. It was agreed that this service would be open for other similar organizations. Other ideas would be considered to best use the page for the betterment of the community.

Meeting Rules

Chruce Godfrey informed the board that he would be asking Borough Solicitor Weiler about sunshine rules and quorums for the Recreation Board meetings.

Election of Board Officers for 2021

The scheduled election of new officers was deferred to the February 25th 2021 meeting. Suggestions as far as recruiting new board members for future meetings was also discussed. The need to bring the membership up to the allowable nine members will be necessary to aid with future projects.

Tom Brungard asked for updated contact information for present board members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chruce Godfrey at 8:15pm.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

-Tom Brungard, Secretary