

Birdsboro Recreation Board

Minutes

02/26/2021

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, Nancy Kauffman, and Christen Thompson. Absent was Bill Quinley.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Nancy Kauffman to reelect the current slate of officers. It was seconded by Tom Brungard. The motion to reelect Chruce Godfrey as President, Matt Elgonitis as Vice President and Tom Brungard as Board Secretary was unanimously approved by a 6-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes

Christen Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2021. Ryan Acevedo seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes except for an abstention by Nancy Kauffman who had been absent at the January 22, 2021 meeting.

Special Presentations

There were two presentations followed by members of organizations.

Boy Scouts and Sensory Walk Planning

Chuck Schnaubelt, one of the assistant scoutmasters from Boy Scouts Troop 595 was at the board meeting to discuss the sensory walk project at Rustic Park. Jon Schnaubelt discussed the proposed details of the walk.

The walk would include a football track on the outer edge of the concrete slab. Jon listed some possible games to be included within the slabs. Foursquare, hopscotch, bunny hop, snakes, and crab crawl among others. The target age group for the walk would be around 10 years old.

Chuck Schnaubelt then discussed the challenge of snowy weather preventing the planning of the design of the walk. When snow is no longer an issue, the troops will be measuring the concrete slab and doing temporary design drawings of the proposed games to work out where every game would fit.

Once the design is drawn up, a determination of materials needed will be listed. Chuck will make a list of paints, brushes, etc. Chuck asked what funding would be available for the project. He commented that he should be able to save money on stencils. Paint would not be as expensive. He mentioned that the slab should be pressure washed ahead of time.

Chruce Godfrey then said that the steps involved in approving the go ahead of the project should be Recreation Board approval and then submitting it before council for their final approval. Some money might be available from the American Legion although that was later called into question because of Covid related cutbacks.

Chuck and Christen Thompson said that Home Depot had donated the paint in the past.

A presentation will be made to borough council on March 1, 2021.

Tom Brungard said there was water availability at the park for power washing. Ryan Acevedo volunteered use of his power washer for the project.

The painting of the concrete tubes was mentioned by Christen to possibly be done at the same time as the Sensory Walk painting. Tom Brungard then talked about upcoming plans for the tubes. Borough inspection of the tubes will be in April along with research of paint and possible mats and materials. Drawings or handprints could decorate the outside of the tubes with drawings and handprints with scout supervision.

Christen Thompson asked Nancy Kauffman about camera installation progress at Rustic Park. Nancy said that the cameras have not yet been installed but she will find out and report it to the board.

Nancy Kauffman brought forth a motion to approve the Sensory Walk project. Matt Elgonitis seconded the motion which was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Boone Area Library Presentation

Sarah Terry of the Boone Area Library Children's Service Coordinator made a request for an outdoor story time beginning in April through the spring and summer at a Rustic Park pavilion. Story times would be scheduled on Wednesdays at 10:15 AM.

Chruce Godfrey felt that there should be no issues with use at that time and, pending board and council approval, story times would be a great idea. Chruce will present the proposal to the March 1, 2021 Borough Council meeting.

Sarah also asked that a restroom key be made available during the gathering.

Nancy Kauffman asked if there was a specific pavilion best for the use by the library. Sarah Terry then requested pavilion 4 since it was closest to the parking lot.

Christen Thompson brought up the question of rental cost and nonprofits. Nancy Kauffman said there should be no problem in having the library use it for free.

Chruce Godfrey asked that a motion be brought to the floor to have approval of him representing the board and presenting the library story time request to the borough council on March 1, 2021. Nancy Kauffman brought the motion to the floor. Christen Thompson seconded the motion. The proposal was passed by a 6-0 voice vote.

Christen Thompson suggested that future projects should be considered between the library and the Recreation Board.

Old Business

Movie Nights

Chruce Godfrey informed the board that the borough council had approved the purchase of a movie screen for the maximum of \$200 and asked Christen to move ahead with the purchase. Nancy Kauffman said that the purchase by the borough would be tax free. Ryan Acevedo offered the use of the press box at Texas Field for storage of the screen when not in use.

Chruce Godfrey asked the board to consider whether the first movie night should be in April or May 2021. Nancy Kauffman and Ryan Acevedo believed weather and lighting construction would preclude an April start. It was decided that May would be a better month to begin. Chruce also thanked Ryan for permission to use Texas Field and facilities for Movie Night.

The next step in the Movie Night project would be determination of the movies themselves. Christen Thompson is taking the lead on this and was offered additional help by the rest of the board as needed.

Christen Thompson brought up the cost of renting the movies and how to fundraise. Nancy Kauffman mentioned that the Moe's fundraising idea would be welcome since the American legion cannot be counted on for funding this year. Ryan Acevedo mentioned that BYS used Wawa for their fundraising. That involves the buying of coupons going towards \$3 off hoagies. It was agreed to explore that option also. Christen volunteered to research options for fundraising. Nancy suggested Chick Fil A and The Angry Anvil as previous sources of fundraising means. Ryan suggested Rita's as someone to contact after their April opening.

Second Saturdays

Yard Sale

Chruce Godfrey is overseeing the April yard sale in MainBird Park. An ad in the newspaper and circulation on various Facebook pages would be the next step after council approval. Nancy felt that the newspaper ad should be placed the day before the event.

A discussion ensued about the need for flyers and the placement of them before the date.

Chruce Godfrey asked that a motion be brought forth for him to present the yard sale event at the March 1, 2021 council meeting for approval. Nancy Kauffman so moved, and Tom Brungard seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a 6-0 voice vote. Nancy also suggested that Chruce ask the council that the time for set up to begin at 6:00 am with an opening time of 7am on Saturday, April 10, 2021.

May event

Nothing had been finalized for the May Second Saturday. Nancy felt that the bridge construction at Rustic Park might be an obstacle to events there. Chruce and Tom both pointed out that Brian Boyer and members of council believed the construction was in an area that would not interfere with usage of the park. Nancy will check with the library and other organizations about the May 8th date for a Nature Conservancy event.

The Beautify Birdsboro event was discussed and was debated as far as whether it should be closer to Earth Day on the Saturdays of April 17 or 24, 2021. An alternate date could be May 8.

It was then decided that May 8th, 2021 should be a day long event with Beautify Birdsboro in the morning hours followed by the Nature Conservancy event in the afternoon. Nancy Kauffman will obtain free supplies (uniforms, trash bags etc.) from the EPA. 8am would be the start of the cleanup portion of the event. It was suggested by Nancy that organizations could meet at Borough Hall to pick up supplies and disperse to various parks in the borough.

June Second Saturday

A discussion about Battle of the Bands as a June 12th, 2021 Second Saturday took place earlier in the meeting due to Ryan Acevedo having to leave for another meeting.

Ryan Acevedo asked if there had been a determination about food trucks for the June or July Second Saturday event. Tom Brungard gave his research on the subject. After discussion with Manager Yanos, permits can be issued allowing individual food trucks to serve alcohol at a Battle of the Bands event. Tom also mentioned that there is no noise ordinance in Birdsboro so the event could be scheduled at any convenient time. Nancy and Ryan both agreed that 4pm to 8pm would be the best time for the event in MainBird.

Matt Elgonitis reported on setting up food trucks. Nancy had the opinion that a food truck must offer a full meal if they were to serve alcohol under current Covid-19 regulations. This might exclude some food trucks not offering meals from the event. Sam Mengel was mentioned as a local food truck vendor to be contacted.

Matt Elgonitis is contacting local bands connected with the Daniel Boone High School to see about interest in participating. Ryan will also be contacting some bands. Matt and Nancy worked out the details of contacting Haines and Kibblehouse donating use of a stage for the event. Nancy will contact H & K about the date. Nancy also questioned whether the Daniel Boone High School graduation might interfere with the Battle of the Bands event. Nancy also mentioned that graduation parties might be held on the weekends. Graduation had not be finalized at the date of this meeting. However, the last scheduled day of school is June 4th, 2021 pending snow dates.

Nancy Kauffman asked if participating bands would be paid to appear. Matt said not. Nancy mentioned she had some contacts with Exeter Township High School bands who have participated in similar events at MainBird Park in the past. Nancy mentioned about contacting the Legion and the fire company for possible use of their facilities.

Matt said that it had yet to be determined how the event would be set up. Categories for competitions any prizes have not yet been decided.

Nancy pointed out that Covid-19 related issues might causes curtailment and/or postponement of May of the Second Saturday events. Tom Brungard used the example of the postponement of the March craft show as a way of at least planning for an event and holding it in the future.

July Second Saturday

Nothing is currently planned .Discussion will continue in the March 25, 2021 board meeting.

Later in the meeting, Nancy Kauffman suggested a walking tour of Birdsboro be used as a Second Saturday event. Chruce Godfrey asked if the July Second Saturday might be a possibility. Nancy said she may not be available to assist at that time. She also suggested that events could be held with the local rock climbers. Activities might have to be scheduled around the bridge construction at Hay Creek which must be completed by October 2021.

August Second Saturday

Christen Thompson suggested that the theme for the August 13, 2021 event be Back to School with slip and slides, water balloons and other similar activities. Perhaps a backpack giveaway could occur. It was agreed that this would be a great activity to plan for August.

Fundraising

Christen Thompson made suggestions that Hershey Park, Dutch Wonderland and Knoebel's Grove ticket offers should be considered for fundraising. She will be doing further research before the March board meeting.

BMX Event

Matt Elgonitis reported that the BMX event would not be an option this year due to the high expense of using an outside company to organize and hold the event. It will be considered again in 2022.

Tube Refurbishing in Rustic Park

Tom Brungard reported on the start of research to renew the conditions of the tubes in Rustic Park. The report involved an inspection of the tubes by borough employees after inclement weather ends this spring. Any structural damage to the concrete may prevent other plans from going forward. After a favorable inspection, Tom will consult with a paint manufacturer in Philadelphia about the best and cost-effective paint to seal the interior of the tubes. Another company that manufactures running track rubber mats would be contacted about the feasibility of placing a matted, mold resistant floor taking up 1/3 of each tubes bottom. No actions will be taken until the inspection occurs. Revamping of the tubes might not occur in 2021 due to timing and the budget.

Other work on the Rustic Park restroom improvements will also not be done in 2021 barring fundraising or donation activities. A consideration for a central larger rest room building in the area between pavilions 2 and 3 might also include a storage room.

Tom Brungard pointed out that the placement and construction of the restrooms will be helped by the waterline to the park. Also, any new construction might involve ADA requirements. Camping at Rustic could be enhanced by improved restrooms. A discussion about previous year's budget money that might be earmarked for the restrooms Nancy Kauffman will check on this development. Nancy Kauffman also commented on the steps involving grant money.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chruce Godfrey at 8:40pm.

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

-Tom Brungard, Secretary