

Birdsboro Recreation Board

Minutes

04/22/2021

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, Asheli Godfrey, and Christen Thompson. Absent were Bill Quinley and Ryan Acevedo.

Member Announcement

Chruce Godfrey reported that the resignation of Nancy Kauffman was tendered and accepted on April 15, 2021. Chruce thanked Nancy for her service.

Chruce announced the appointment by the Birdsboro Borough Council on April 19, 2021 of Asheli Godfrey. All board members present welcomed Asheli to the board.

Thanks

The board would like to thank Mary Ann Cotter for her generous donation.

Approval of Minutes

Chruce Godfrey asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2021. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

It was noted that no members of the public were present on the Zoom application.

Farmer's Market

Christen Thompson was given the floor to make an update on the upcoming farmer's markets.

No wineries were available to participate due to supply and personnel availability issues.

Chrue Godfrey was going to reach out to places regarding getting a barbecue stand and a flower stand. He will contact Christen asap with results of his efforts.

Christen has yet to find a dairy willing to participate. Cheeses would be a good addition if possible. She also asked board members to help find a beef jerky vendor.

Christen reported that there were 8 registered vendors signed up so far for the May 22, 2021 market. There will also be entertainment provided by Three-Fold blessing for two hours at the gazebo at Mainbird Park. Matt Elgonitis may or may not be available to provide speakers for them. A Tupperware vendor will be present selling food containers.

Future entertainment will be supplied in July by the Singing Pastor and in August by singers and dancers from the music studio of Patricia Keith.

Asheli Godfrey is working on publicity for the May event.

Matt Elgonitis will be reaching out to breweries.

Christen also mentioned that several prospective vendors are still not yet committed but may be added. Contracts are made up to allow the board to reject any inappropriate vendor.

The general feeling was that the board would not want to reject too many prospective vendors at this time until more permanent vendors are under contract.

Second Saturdays

May 8, 2021 Beautify Birdsboro

Chrue Godfrey asked that as many board members as possible be present at the event. Chrue reported that Nancy Kauffman expressed an interest in keeping her involvement and is still handing out flyers. He will ask Nancy for an update at the time of the first borough council meeting in May.

Tom Brungard mentioned that Mary Ann Cotter would also be available to help in the event.

St. Mark's will be providing lunch and is asking about numbers to expect for it. Christen will get back to them on that.

June 12, 2021 Battle of the Bands

Ryan Acevedo has noted in an email that his participation will be extremely limited. Matt Elgonitis volunteered to take over the running of the event along with Asheli Godfrey assisting.

Matt asked if there would be a payout/prize for the winning band. Chruce volunteered to front \$100 if no other donors are found.

Tom Brungard mentioned that any events advertised should include rain dates. Tom also mentioned that all events should be advertised with Covid-19 precautions in mind.

July 10, 2021 Walking Tour of Birdsboro

Tom Brungard reported that research has begun on proposed stops. A committee will be formed with knowledgeable members of the public and local historians such as Bruce Hoffman. Stephan Kincaid will be contacted about cyclist participation.

The tour might involve a tour with many stops for cyclists since they could cover more ground easily. Cyclists could start the tour off in the first group. A second tour would have those who would require a shorter, less strenuous walk. The third tour would be for walkers who could navigate the hills in the town.

Groups of ten participants would be the goal with one tour guide.

There could be, in addition to speakers at many of the stops, help from the First Street Players with skits, songs and period costumes.

Tom stressed that the event should be free with donations optional for the board and the First Street Players. Any historians participating could sell books at the conclusion of the tour.

August 14, 2021 Back to School Water Themed Event

The carnival will not be available in August. Some research into past history of carnivals in MainBird. The council would have to provide any advance deposits and will be asked about procedures.

Christen Thompson will handle the preliminary of a Back-to-School Water Carnival. Slip and slide was suggested. Tom Brungard also suggested a dunking pool. It was pointed out that Rita's does have a pool that might be available. Chruce said that a water education talk and demonstration could be at Rustic Park if the water carnival were held there. Running water would be available at Rustic Park.

September 11, 2021

Carnival availability to be researched.

Matt Elgonitis suggested a cornhole tournament be held.

October 9, 2021 Fall Harvest Event

No updates at this time

November 13, 2021 Open Date

No updates at this meeting

December 11, 2021 Birdsboro Hometown Christmas

The Recreation Board will provide the lead at the event starting again this year. Planning will be beginning in August. Name change possibilities were discussed with no decision finalized.

Movie Nights

A donation was confirmed by Birdsboro Power and Tompkins Bank. Both checks will be forthcoming. The donations will be applied towards movie rentals. Haines and Kibblehouse have also donated and the money has been received.

Ryan Acevedo will contact Christen Thompson about firm availabilities of Texas Field. Movie titles were discussed. It was decided that "Princess Bride" would be first. Payment for five films would be upfront to get the best price. St. Mark's will provide a popcorn machine while BYS would sell candy and snacks during the movies. The first movie would be set for May with a date to be finalized.

The movie screen has been purchased but not tested until the pulley system at Texas Field installed on the new light poles. The old light poles will be replaced by early May.

Each movie will be locked into a specific date with a rain date also built into the contract.

Dates for the initial movie were discussed. Since there will be more daylight than the first movie night in October 2020, the start time will be closer to 8:30PM or a bit later. There might be a possibility that one of the movie nights might be held at on the same date as a Second Saturday event.

Follow-ups to First Street Players partnership

Matt Elgonitis will continue to have discussions by Zoom with the First Street Players about future projects to bring arts back to Birdsboro parks. August 7 and the week following would be used by the players at Rustic for workshops and musical in the park. The Second Saturday water

carnival could possibly be held in conjunction with the First Street Player event. There will be a suggestion made to the borough council to waive the pavilion fees once dates are finalized.

Follow up to Recreation Board and Boone Area Library events

Matt and Christen will also be setting up a stand at the Boone Area Library annual Duck Race whenever it is held this year.

Park Reviews

Rustic Park

Tom Brungard reported that the borough streets department is considering a coating on the interior of the tubes at Rustic Park. A temporary solution to last one to three years followed by a permanent fix is being researched. Whatever is decided, there is hope that the tubes will have some lining by summer 2021. The borough will not do sand blasting on the outside of the tubes this year. The Boy Scout Troop painting project will go ahead as planned without paint removal by the borough. The tubes will also be painted by some of the younger users perhaps in conjunction with the Wednesday library children's books time.

The first library children's book event was held Wednesday April 21, 2021 with a large turnout.

Lincoln Park

The next borough council will be attended by recreation board members to participate if needed in a discussion about parking at Lincoln Park. The importance of the location of the park was discussed since no other parks were located in that section of town.

Vest Pocket Park

Tree removal was completed but there was added expenses due to having to hire an outside contractor. Matt Elgonitis stated that the girl scout doing painting projects at vest pocket and Rustic will commence at the conclusion of the school year.

MainBird Park

Matt Elgonitis reported that there will be a delivery of playground mulch coming out of the parks budget.

Other Business

Attention will be paid to any developments due to the sale of the Birdsboro Elementary Center and any impact on playground equipment that was sold to the new owner.

No new fundraising suggestions were brought up at this meeting.

The marathon planned in conjunction with the Daniel Boone Homestead will not impact the borough due to the planned route.

A suggestion was made by Tom Brungard that communication should be started with other area recreation boards.

The need for new members was emphasized in order to spread out the workload and bring in more fresh ideas.

Adjournment

A call to adjournment was made by Chruce Godfrey.

The next meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board will be held May 27, 2021 via the Zoom application.

Virtual Meetings

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