

## **Birdsboro Recreation Board**

### **Minutes**

**05/27/2021**

#### **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, Christen Thompson, and new members Sharon Morris and Amy Mammarella. Absent were Bill Quinley and Ryan Acevedo.

#### **Presentation by Andrea Kennedy Hart of First Street Players**

Andrea thanked the Recreation Board for all their support of the First Street Players.

Andrea requested that a First Street Players Block Party be held at MainBird Park on August 7, 2021.

The Event would begin at noon with local business setting up booths for self-promotion.

At 2pm, there would be a matinee performance of "Rock of Ages" which is a musical featuring rock music standards.

At 4 or 4:30pm, there will be a story time for children or other children's entertainment.

A second performance of Rock of Ages would be held in the evening.

There would be a need for road closure, electricity, and port-a-potties. Rock of Ages is rated PG13 so it may not be appropriate for younger children. The event will be a fundraising opportunity for the Players.

Chruce Godfrey had concerns about the PG13 rating. Chruce also asked about the role of the Recreation Board and the borough beyond electricity, road closure and port-a-potties.

The venue location was decided that MainBird would be best for the event.

There is no noise ordinance at this time that would affect the evening performance. The Recreation Board would also plan for the permit for a beer truck.

Tom Brungard pointed out that the event should have a rain date to be determined later.

The Players would set up a stage with lumber and construction.

Chruce Godfrey called for any objections to the event. No objections were voiced. Chruce will present the proposal to Borough Council on June 21, 2021.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chruce Godfrey asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2021. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

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

#### **Beautify Birdsboro Recap**

Christen Thompson mentioned that the similar signage should be used next year. Christen also believed the event should be held closer to Earth Day in 2022.

Chruce, Christen and Matt Elgonitis all voiced concern about the organization of the event. A park was completely missed for cleanup. There was not a single individual completely in charge of the event. Without a contact person, the event showed some disorganization.

Work on the 2022 event will commence in February. A base location would be determined so that supplies and individual problems could be resolved. Chruce felt that each location should have a Recreation Board member to handle any problems.

Christen and Chruce also felt that the Public Works department have a stronger role in the 2022 event.

#### **Movie Night May 2021 Recap**

Christen Thompson reported on the May 21, 2021 Movie Night. Turnout was less than hoped due to cold weather.

There was discussion regarding how to handle Moe's fundraising offer. It was decided that the pickup would be at 5:30pm instead of May's 7:30 pickup time. Sharon Morgan and Amy Mammarella both pointed out that having the food earlier would increase participation of families with young children.

Approximately 200 people are interested in seeing "The Sandlot" in June. Fairy Cakes has become the latest sponsor so the flyers will need to be revised.

Christen Thompson will not be present during the June Movie Night setup but will be able to provide the projector that night.

### **Farmer's Market**

Christen Thompson was given the floor to make an assessment on the first Farmer's Market on May 22.

All in all, the market was a success. Vendors were pleased with the response. Feedback from the public was positive. There should be more vendors participating as the season continues.

Christen is looking into creating magnets to hand out with the remaining dates of the market.

Christen will also consider other entertainment for future dates. Christen will be unavailable for the June 20, 2021 market. She will need another member to take care of setup.

### **Second Saturdays**

#### ***Battle of the Bands***

Asheli Godfrey and Matt Elgonitis reported on the Battle of the Bands event scheduled for June 12, 2021. Amy Mammarella will also be assisting with the event. MainBird Park and Rustic Park were both considered as locations, A provider for the sound system provider has not been decided.

Rustic Park was decided as the location with two pavilions required. One pavilion would be used for performances and the other would be used by the bands for setup.

June 12, 2021 was determined not to be a feasible date to get the event done. The event was moved to July 10, 2021. No events are planned for the June 2021 Second Saturday. June will have a farmer's market on the Saturdays before and after the June 12 date.

#### ***Carnival Update***

The June 12, 2021 planned date was determined to be not available. Other dates of July 29-31 and August 26-28 available but would conflict with the Farmer's Market. Parking issues were considered due to having two events using MainBird Park concurrently. A move to Rustic Park for the Farmer's Market was also debated. Christen Thompson expressed reservations about moving due to vendor's already paying for the MainBird location.

Chruce Godfrey will meet with Tons of Fun on May 28 to ask about how disruptive it would be to have the Farmer's Market on the same Saturday as the carnival. Also to be discussed would be the possibility of moving the carnival to Rustic Park.

Tom Brungard suggested that the discussion with Tons of Fun include scheduling for 2022 to avoid the scheduling problems of this year.

### ***August 14 Water Carnival***

Chruce Godfrey asked for a volunteer to take the lead on organizing the event.

Matt Elgonitis described various components of the event itself and where to make contact with suppliers of the individual activities.

Christen Thompson opened a discussion on backpack and school supply giveaways. It was determined that donations would have to be solicited starting immediately.

### ***September 11, 2021 Walking Tour of Birdsboro***

Tom Brungard reported that two tours would be held the same day. A bicycle tour will begin at 9am. Once the bicycle tour has a sufficient head start, the walking tour will start. Todd Peterson will be joining Todd on a dry run of the tour on July 1. One of the objectives of the run-through would be to determine the stops.

The only expense asked to be handled by the board would be laminating cards for the guides to use on the tour.

Chruce Godfrey asked Tom whether advertising could begin. Tom Felt that it was premature but that the event might be able to have finishing touches done before the June Recreation Board meeting. Christen Thompson pointed out that getting information into an Amity Township publication would need to be submitted by mid July.

### ***October 9, 2021 Fall Harvest Event***

Sharon Morris, Amy Mammarella and Matt Elgonitis will be taking the lead. Halloween activities might be added to the event. A hay bale maze was suggested by Sharon Morris might be considered. Amy Mammarella suggested that Brown's Feed be asked to contribute. A farmer will also be contacted. Transportation was also discussed.

The community center asked the board to help with the Halloween Trick or Treat giveaway. It was not decided that Halloween events and Fall Harvest would be combined. Reservations

were voiced that the drive through Halloween giveaway taking place at the same time as pedestrian traffic.

### ***November 13, 2021 Open Date***

No updates were discussed at this meeting. Christen Thompson warned that the board might be overstretched. Tom Brungard suggested that other organizations be asked to use the November 13 date for their activities. Chruce Godfrey will bringing the idea up to the borough council at their next 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.

### **New Business**

Tom Brungard suggested that yard sales be held on open date Saturdays in the summer. It was felt that the board would not be able to accomplish this proposal.

Applications begin on the Giant Market's park bench donations would begin on June 1, 2021. Chruce Godfrey will spearhead the proposal. Tom Brungard advanced the idea of having an L shaped bench design with a planter.

Tom Brungard brought up a fundraising idea involving naming the pavilions in Rustic Park. It is not fully formed and should be considered in the future.

### **Announcement**

Tom Brungard will probably resign from the board in October 2021. With upcoming membership in borough council, Tom felt that getting a new member ahead of Birdsboro Hometown Christmas would be beneficial. Tom would still suggest ideas to the board regarding upcoming events.

### **Adjournment**

A call to adjournment was made by Chruce Godfrey.

The next meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board will be held June 24, 2021 via the Zoom application.

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