

# Birdsboro Parks and Recreation Board

## Meeting Minutes June 24, 2021

**Call to order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present on Zoom:** Chruce Godfrey, Asheli Godfrey, Amy Keil, Sharon Morris, Ryan Acevedo, Tom Brungard, Matt Elgonitis, Christen Thompson. Absent Bill Quinley

**Moment of Silence for Crescenda Long**

**Approval of Minutes:** Asheli motioned, seconded by Matt. Chruce commented that we will thoroughly miss Tom and appreciate his time and effort completing the meeting minutes. Unanimous approval of the meeting minutes.

**Farmers Market:** Asheli, Chruce, and Sharon worked the farmers market on June 19. Other farmer completely sold out and will definitely be at a market in July. Asheli commented that the market is growing and has consistent traffic. Sharon commented that somebody suggested better signs with days of the market. Next farmers market, July 3rd.

**Battle of the Bands:** Bands want to get paid, one band definitely would have done it but wanted more excitement. The bands felt like we would not have enough people. Future endeavor, more time, more people on board, 6 months to plan. Maybe next year. Tom suggested a concert series instead of several bands at once. Asheli agreed a concert series like the movie series would work better.

**August water event:** Have supplies, Matt got the slip n slides and the kiddie pools. Need consistent water to Rustic. The restrooms have a spigot on the back, just need a hose. We need to request pavilions 3 & 4. The second Saturday in August is also the same day as the farmers market. August 21st is the movie night. 2 pm would work better after the farmers market. Friday would be hard after everyone gets off work and a Sunday would be better. Tom offered to work the farmers market and suggested the fire department fill the dunk tank. The rental place wants \$135 for the dunk tank. Amy has a Thrivent card to use, she used \$75 for water supplies and \$175 left on the card. Ice pops to hand out. Matt suggested grilling hot dogs and selling them for \$.50. Asheli said they sold bottled water at the farmers market and sold like crazy. Collecting school supplies. Sharon will contact the school for a list of supplies they need and ask if any

teachers or staff would be willing to sit in the dunk tank. Sharon suggested paper towels, baby wipes, clorox wipes, glue sticks and to contact the high school, where the expenses on supplies are more. Christen suggested we contact all of the schools for supplies. Christen suggested contacting the police department and fire department for touch a truck? Tom suggested the fire truck fill the tank. Matt asked Ryan to see if Tucci would pay for the rental of the dunk tank or Amy can pay for it with her Thrivent Action Team. Matt asked if Ryan could ask Rita's for a donation. Ryan said he could get ice pops from Sam's. Tom said to contact Boyers to see if they would donate anything. Ryan said Boyers donated hot dog buns to BYS, have to get onto their website to request a donation and give them 2 weeks. Ryan said he could donate the freeze pops. Christen suggested saving Tucci for something else and Amy will use her thrivent card to pick up the freeze pops. Ryan said it's \$130 for the dunk tank, Amy said she can also order the dunk tank. Amy has toys from Dollar General that light up, so if it gets dark, we can hand those out.

**Walking tour:** Tom said they completed a couple walk throughs and one with a cyclist said it could be completed in 2 hours with a few stops. Andrea from 1st Street Players could provide costumed actors during the tour. Tom had trouble contacting Andrea from 1st Street and says they are holding things up to complete the walk through. Tom wants sheet protectors and paper for a script for the guides to narrate the tour. He also suggest water for the tour and getting \$150 from council or the board, doesn't plan on spending it all but to cover printing costs. Chruce said he will donate the water. Not charging people for the tour but will have at the end at the community center, a representative from the library selling history books. A donation jar for the rec board and 1st Street a donation table as well. Christen and Tom will be getting together to discuss advertising. Tom is hoping for 100 people. 20 - 30 on bikes and 60 - 70 walking. Todd Peterson from the community center has been a big help with this. Team effort with the community center.

**Tons of Fun:** Chruce said Tons of Fun gave him a non second Saturday date in September but they have been frustrating to work with. Possibly will have to push this off until next year.

**Scout painting:** Chruce said Chief Trupp wants house numbers painted on the curbs. Wants to see if scouts would be interested. Matt can contact the Derers for both Boy and Girl scout participation. Would like this done in a year, year and half time frame. Christen suggested contacting Kurt Freer. Chruce had to leave the meeting at this point.

**Halloween Harvest:** Christen said we should just participate in the community center's drive through Halloween event. Tom said maybe we could do something in the afternoon to segway into the community center's event. Matt said maybe we could do a corn maze and Sharon could talk to Brown's about donating hay. Sharon noted pumpkins are hard to come by and expensive to do carving pumpkins. Christen said the Halloween Drive through is the same day as the farmers market. Not enough time to do something in the afternoon. We could set up decorations and hand out goodies to kids. Rotary Club will definitely be having the parade for Halloween, the Thursday before Halloween. Matt will let us use his trailer to decorate and walk in the parade.

**Giant Food Market Grant:** Christen said she thought Chruce applied for the grant. We were going to ask for repairs to the gazebo at Main Bird Park. Possibly see if Mission Trip Birdsboro would do some repairs to the park. Christen said the engineer for the borough said that all of the parks are in flood plain so we can only put in a concrete slab, so no bandshell. Parks could always use more benches. Matt filled everyone in on the Giant Food Grant that Bob Myers actually brought to our attention.

**Library News:** Tom suggested we donate money to the library from the parks board in memory of Crescenda Long. Will promote goodwill between us and the library. Mentioned they are under a lot of pressure to complete several things ordered by the state. Matt suggested the donations we receive from the Sandlot movie night be donated to the library. Everyone was in agreement to do that.

**Caitlyn Dillon:** Matt said Caitlyn Dillon is doing an amazing job at completing the painting under the bridge at Rustic. Kudos to her on completing her silver award.

**Movies in the Park:** Christen said she wants to advertise the food being sold at the concession stand. Moes fundraiser is not going well. Weather looks good for the movie. No rain. Set up the same exact way as previous movies. Set up at 6:30/7 pm.

## **Adjournment**

**Next meeting July 22, 2021 at 7 pm. Future meetings will be in person at borough hall.**

