

# **Birdsboro Recreation Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

07/22/2021

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board was called to order at 7pm on 07/22/2021 at Birdsboro Borough Hall by Board Secretary, Tom Brungard.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

Tom Brungard, Secretary, Christen Thompson, Ryan Acevedo, Amy Mammarella, and Sharon Morris were present. Chruce Godfrey, Matt Elgonitis and Asheli Cox were absent.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Sharon Morris made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021. Ryan Acevedo seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items only**

No public present or on Zoom.

### **Old Business and Updates**

August 15, 2021, Water event

The July Recreation Board meeting was to be the last meeting before the water event so detailed plans would be worked out during this meeting.

Christen Thompson reported that the bounce house was rented for \$369 + operator expenses of \$60 for five hours. Uncle Jack's donated \$500 which covered the house and some other expenses. The dunk tank is coming from Dairy Queen.

Christen asked for opinions about the locations of the slip and slide, bounce house and dunk tank. It was determined that most items would be between Pavilions 3 and 4.

There was also to be a waiver written by Borough Solicitor Terry Weiler regarding responsibility of parents for children going into Hay Creek or other hazards.

Christen asked about who on the board and their families would be available to help on the event. All present at the meeting plus Matt Elgonitis volunteered and very assigned to their own section of the event.

Questions were raised about the ages of the participants. It was determined that teenagers would be welcomed but younger children would have priority.

Concerns were raised about the event becoming a drop off for young children with no parental supervision. Every effort would be made to prevent that from happening.

Water hoses were to be provided by Christen Thompson and Sharon Morgan. Hot dogs will be available at a pavilion.

Recruitment for the dunk tank was discussed. School board members, council members, the mayor and the police officers were to be asked.

It was felt that no general rules of conduct needed to be posted. Bracelets will be provided as children were registered and the waivers signed.

Further items discussed were obtaining supplies and assigning people to various activities.

The method of taking donations of school supplies and money for supplies was discussed.

There was a consensus that the event was well planned during this meeting.

### **September Tour of Birdsboro**

Tom Brungard reported on the progress on the plans for the tour.

First Street Players will participate in a playlet at their theater. Brown's Feed has given permission to use the grounds of the old Brooke office building. Boone library will sell local history books by Bruce Hoffman. The First Street Players will take donations and sell tickets at the community center. The community center and the Recreation Board will also accept donations at the conclusion of the tours.

There is a need for volunteer guides. Registration will begin around August 23. Test runs will begin at that time for guides.

Cost should be less than \$100 for supplies.

### **Farmer's Market Update**

Christen Thompson reported that the market of July 17, 2021, brought in receipts of \$360 donated to the borough. EBT card programs were considered but it was decided to hold off a decision to participate until next year.

It was agreed that Christen deserved great praise for her tireless work on the market

### **Halloween**

No firm decisions were to be made during this meeting.

### **Birdsboro Holiday Christmas**

It was reported that Nancy Kauffman reminded council that the Recreation Board would solely oversee the December event.

The feeling on the board was that, while the board was responsible for final decisions, various churches would be involved and have an input into the final product.

Christen Thompson pointed out that a meeting should be organized for August. It was determined that Chruce Godfrey should contact various parties and set up the meeting.

Christen Thompson laid out the blueprint for getting holiday lights contracted.

### **Movie Nights**

Ideas were discussed to improve Movie Nights from a technical standpoint. Moe's fundraiser was discontinued due to lack of interest.

### **New Business**

Bill Quigley's resignation was accepted. Tom Brungard will resign at the end of October.

Tom Brungard pointed out the need for having a group of outside volunteers for the Recreation Board in addition to filling board seats.

Tom Brungard suggested a pavilion naming fundraiser. He felt that it would need more thought, but it would not be expensive.

Tom Brungard brought up the possibility of a gift to Caitlin Dillon for her work of painting in Rustic and Vest Pocket parks. Christen Thompson pointed out that gifts should not be given for scout projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Tom Brungard. The next meeting will be at Borough Hall at 7am August 26, 2021.



