

Birdsboro Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

9/23/2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Birdsboro Recreation Board was called to order at 7:10pm on 9/23/2021 at Birdsboro Borough Hall by Board Secretary Tom Brungard.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Tom Brungard, Christen Thompson, Amy Mammarella, and Matt Elgonitis were present. Chruce Godfrey, Sharon Morris and Asheli Godfrey were absent. Ryan Acevedo resigned on 9/22/2021. Chruce Godfrey and Asheli Godfrey were delayed until the first item of business when Chruce took over the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the 8/27/2021 meeting were approved by Matt Elgonitis and Amy Mammarella.

Completed Project Review

Tour of Birdsboro

Tom Brungard reviewed the 9/11/2021 Tour of Birdsboro. The tour involved 70+ people including approximately 50 tourists. The two bicycle tours essentially were cancelled due to lack of interest. Most of the walking tours lasted two hours. Della Drey deserved special commendation for a nearly three-hour tour that held her 13 tourist's interests.

Many of the tourists expressed interest in making the tour an annual event. Tom volunteered to do the tour should the Recreation Board decide to hold the event.

Tom explained how a future tour might include the Lincolntown area and south Birdsboro. A trolley could possibly be used to ferry walkers between the locations. The trolley could also be used for an abbreviated tour of Furnace and Mill reprising the tour of 2021.

Tom suggested that the board propose this idea to the budget meetings since the trolley or other means of transportation would cost possibly \$1000.

The 2021 tour brought in \$155 in donations to the Recreation Board which covered the \$120 cost of materials for the guidebooks. The Boone Area Library sold about 50 of the Bruce Hoffman Birdsboro history books and the First Street Players and the Birdsboro Memorial Community Center garnered new interest in their ongoing and upcoming projects.

Chrue Godfrey took over the meeting at this point. Chrue believed there should be some internal discussions about what to propose in the upcoming budget meeting. Chrue also asked Tom to run a tour in 2022 which Tom agreed to do it. Christen Thompson read very positive opinions on Facebook of the tour.

Tom promised better advertising of future tours

Upcoming Events Planning

Movie Night Recap

The Movie Night featuring “Spies in Disguise” will be held September 26 at Texas Field. It would be the final Movie Night of the season. It was sparsely attended due to inclement weather. A sleepover was planned at the field.

Christen Thompson suggested that in 2022 there should be only one Movie Night held in July.

Farmer’s Market Plans

The last two farmer’s markets will be held October 9th and 23rd. No firm plans for dates in the spring of 2022 will be decided until approximately February 2022.

October Halloween Events

The October 23rd market would possibly include hay bales donated and a pumpkin painting event. Chrue will check on donations of pumpkins.

Matt Elgonitis asked for volunteers to help him with the board’s float in the Halloween parade. Members of the board will be on the float. Music and skits might be possible.

Tom Brungard suggested that members of the Christmas in Birdsboro committee be asked to join in Halloween preparations. Chrue will ask the members at the 9/28/2021 Christmas in Birdsboro meeting.

Christmas in Birdsboro

Chruce is contacting various companies for the lighting and should have a final decision to present to the 10/4/2021 Borough Council Meeting.

Asheli Godfrey discussed a Santa Run on the day of the Christmas in Birdsboro event on 12/11/2021. Chruce will include present the idea to the Christmas in Birdsboro committee. The run would take place at Rustic Park to not interfere with setup in Mainbird Park. The walking bridge at Rustic Park should be completed so that the event could publicize the bridge.

Membership Needs

There is an applicant to be approved before the November Recreation Board. Donna Elgonitis will be completing the paperwork.

It was suggested by Tom Brungard that members of other organization be contacted to gauge their interest in joining the board. Tom Brungard will be resigning at the October 21 meeting Asheli Godfrey will take over as Secretary.

2022 Events

Events will not be planned until after the Christmas in Birdsboro event.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by President Chruce Godfrey.

The October meeting of the Recreation Board will be held 10/21/2021 at Birdsboro Borough Hall. The change in date of the meeting from the fourth Thursday to the third Thursday will be advertised by the borough. The reason for the date change was a conflict with Halloween events.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Brungard, Recreation Board Secretary