VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 6, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson Jill Kelly, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar. Also present was Trustee Liaison Robin Kelleher (via Zoom), Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Commission Member Kelly Dittmann entered the meeting (via Zoom) at 6:10 p.m. John Huber was absent.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve Minutes of January 9, 2023 Meeting

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2023, Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Chairperson Kelly, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Summer Concert Dates and Music

The Commission confirmed the summer concert dates. June 10, 2023, July 8, 2023, August 12, 2023, and September 9, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The September 9, 2023 concert will be a tribute to 9-11. Commission Member Kasia Lazar will research a musician for the June 10, 2023 concert. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will contact the CERT organization to arrange for outdoor lighting for the September 9, 2023 concert. Tropical Chill has been engaged to hand out ice cream.

It was noted that the Eton Park sign needed to be replaced. Village Administrator Lobaito stated it would be replaced in FYE 2024.

December 1, 2023 is tentatively scheduled for a tree lighting ceremony.

CPR Class

The Commission discussed the importance of a CPR class, but concluded that at this time, it was not an item for the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider.

Review of Fall Festival/Scout Events (Camp Outs)

Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy has contacted Tony Kircher, a local Scout leader, to start organizing a camp out at Eton Park in May.

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A. Food Options for Fall Festival

The Commission discussed several food options for Fall Festival. Catering by Haybecks is a possibility as well as serving Canadian French fries. Alternative food options will be researched.

Five-year Plan Discussion/Budget

Commission Member Kelly Dittmann will compose a Mission Statement for the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Commission will present its Five-Year plan at the March 22, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Commission noted the deterioration of Eton Park as compared to park facilities in surrounding Villages. Village Administrator John Lobaito recommended hiring a professional parks consultant and an evaluation of all assets related to the parks within the Village. Chairperson Jill Kelly stated she had an application from a potential Commission member.

Survey of Park and Village Pathways for May 2023; Dog Park, Pickle Ball, Volleyball Pit

Village Administrator John Lobaito suggested engaging a consultant prior to initiating a Village survey of properties considered to be Village parks. Once a survey is completed, discussion will be held about implementing a dog park, pickle ball court and volleyball pit.

The Commission discussed some thoughts about a Kids Kraft Day to be held at the Village Hall, on either June 18, 2023 or June 25, 2023. Hiring a magician is a possibility.

Community Survey Discussion

The Commission discussed sending the Village residents a survey to obtain resident input about their use of the Village parks and items they would like to see addressed.

Adjournment

Motion by David Lauffer and seconded by Chairperson Kelly to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Kelly, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito, Village Clerk