

TOWN OF RIVER BEND

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

General Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2022, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building

Members Present: Jessica Repenning, Paul Rathburn

Members Absent: None (note: there are currently 5 vacancies on the board)

Visitors: David Ross-Membership Applicant

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Jessica Repenning.

Approval of October 5th meeting minutes was motioned by Paul Rathburn and seconded by Jessica Repenning. The motion was unanimously approved.

No town council report.

Organic Garden Report and Red Caboose Library Report was read by Jessica Repenning.

Discussion of old business:

- Christmas tree lighting event was well received by the community. Many compliments were given by various residents and volunteers. Some suggestions for next year were:
 - o Chorus added for the musical part.
 - o Vendors/Food truck – similar set up to NNO for a holiday market event as well.
 - o Christmas cookie decorating for the children
- Applications for Advisory Board Membership
 - o Applicant David Ross attend the meeting and was introduced to the board.
 - o Motion was made by Paul Rathburn to recommend David Ross for board appointment to the Town Council. The motion was seconded by Jessica Repenning. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Discussion to continue the Playground proposal for Town Council.
 - o It was discussed to continue with the proposal to submit to town council and agreed that Jessica Repenning and Paul Rathburn would draw up a written proposal to be voted on at the next meeting.
 - o Paul Rathburn motioned to continue with the Playground proposal and Jessica Repenning seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of new business:

- Proposed Events for 2023:
- January:

- January “Winter” Bingo on January 10th from 7pm-9pm, all ages welcome. Gift card prizes would be purchased for the event. Jessica Repenning has a bingo set up to use.
- Poker night on January 24th from 7pm-9pm. Possible prizes for each “table” winner would be purchased for the event.
- February:
 - Kids Valentine Craft Day on February 11th from 1pm-3pm. Come and go event. Cookies and water will be served as refreshments. Children can make Valentine related crafts.
 - TBD – Speaker
- March
 - Gin Rummy Game night on March 15th. Prizes would be purchased. Refreshments would be served as well. Time is TBD.
 - Tea Workshop by Jessica Repenning on March 25th from 10:30am to 12:30pm. All supplies will be provided by Jessica Repenning. Attendants will have to pay a fee to attend.
- April
 - Easter Egg Hunt/Event on April 8th. More details to follow.
 - TBD Kite Flying event towards the end of April held on a Saturday or Sunday.
- Paul Rathburn made a motion to approve all the proposed events. Jessica Repenning seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Proposed to create a Facebook Page for River Bend Parks and Recreation.
 - It was discussed that the Facebook page would be set up like the Police Department and Red Caboose Library’s Facebook pages. Only Parks and Recreation members would be allowed to make posts to the Page.
 - This Facebook Page would be an information only page for Parks and Recreation events. This would not be an open forum for the public. Rules would be set up on the page that would address this and would result in removal of offender’s posts and/or their profiles.
 - A motion was made by Paul Rathburn to approve the creation of a Facebook page. Jessica Repenning seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Paul Rathburn and seconded by Jessica Repenning. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted By

Jessica Repenning