

Town of River Bend

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2023 7:00 pm Municipal Building

Members Present: Keenan Castranova, David Ross, Krysten Howard, Kathy Noonan

Members Absent: Bekah Royston

Others: Council Liaison James Castranova, Red Caboose Library Representative Ellen Serra

Visitors: Janet Nawojski, Delane Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Keenan Castranova - Chairperson

Keenan Castranova moved to adopt the agenda Krysten Howard seconded that. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Keenan Castranova to approve the minutes of February 1, 2023 and that was seconded by Kathy Noonan. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Keenan Castranova to amend the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting to change an error in the final age group for the Easter Egg Hunt to reflect 9-12 instead of 8-12 and to correct the language for David Ross' motion for the banner for the Easter Egg Hunt to reflect approval for the purchase of a banner. The motion was seconded by Krysten Howard and the motion was passed unanimously.

Delane Jackson then gave a presentation on Open Meeting Laws.

The Red Caboose Library report was given by Ellen Serra. The Book/Tech mobile will be in River Bend starting the 17th of March 2023. The Murder Mystery "Sour Grapes of Wrath" will be held on May 20th.

Krysten Howard made a motion to move our meetings to the larger room at the Municipal Building and it was seconded by Keenan Castranova. There was short discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Krysten Howard made a motion to recommend a change to the towns policy to allow the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to enter into sponsorship agreements with local businesses so that businesses can donate goods and supplies for town events in exchange for sponsorship recognition. The motion was seconded by Keenan Castranova. After much discussion and consideration a vote was taken. There were three Ayes and one Nay. The ayes were Krysten Howard, Keenan Castranova and Kathy Noonan and the Nay was David Ross. The motion was passed.

Kathy Noonan motioned to recommend the council provide \$20,000.00 in additional funding for the July 4th celebration, the motion was seconded by David Ross. There was discussion of the cancellation of the 2020 July 4th celebration due to Covid and the subsequent cancellation of the 2021 July 4th celebration, for which the Town Council had allocated \$15,000.00 for fireworks and live music. In consideration of their request, the board was informed that the town never spent the \$4,100.00 allocated for the 2020 July 4th celebration or the \$15,000.00 allocated for the 2021 July 4th celebration. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Keenan Castranova to table the remaining agenda items until the next meeting the motion was seconded by Krysten Howard and passed unanimously.

We had a brief discussion about the upcoming Easter Event, no motions were made.

The next regular meeting is April 5, 2023, at the Municipal building.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Krysten Howard and seconded by Kathy Noonan. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Kathy Noonan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Noonan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.