

Town of River Bend

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Draft Minutes – Special meeting July 12, 2023 Community Building

Members present: Richard LaMotte, Laurie LaMotte, Bekah Royston, Amy Hendee, Krysten Howard, Kathy Noonan

No members were absent

Visitors: Barbara Maurer, Wendy Yager

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Kathy Noonan

First order of business was election of officers.

Kathy Noonan nominated Laurie LaMotte for Chair. Second by Krysten Howard and the vote was unanimous.

Laurie LaMotte nominated Krysten Howard for Vice Chair. Second by Richard LaMotte and the vote was unanimous.

Laurie LaMotte nominated Kathy Noonan for secretary. Second by Krysten Howard and the vote was unanimous.

Laurie LaMotte took over the meeting as the new Chair.

The minutes from the June 7, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Discussion of the Fourth of July event: It was overall a very successful event. We discussed creating a schedule for the volunteer base for next year to help eliminate problems with activities that are scheduled beyond the serving of food. We also will create a spread sheet for desserts, of which we had MANY! We would also like to address sponsorship.

Bekah Royston motioned to have a Red Cross Blood Drive. The motion was seconded by Laurie LaMotte. Dates were discussed and Saturday August 26, 2023 from 10-3 was adopted as the date and time. Bekah advised that she had verified that the Community Center would be available for that date. The motion passed unanimously.

The September event, River Bash, was discussed at length. Amy Hendee made a motion for the date of September 30, 2023 from 3-9. The event will take place in the soccer field and parking areas by the Community Center and Basketball courts. The motion was seconded by Krysten Howard and passed unanimously. There was much discussion about the activities planned and we will be reaching out to a variety of vendors and service providers to set up booths. There will be music entertainment and activities for family/kids.

There was brief discussion of the Parks review. A survey for the residents to complete will be compiled and submitted to the Town Manager for approval before it is distributed.

There was discussion on how to handle email and social media. Laurie LaMotte will meet with Kristie on the email issues and with Delane on the Social Media issues.

There was discussion of working with the Golf Course for some events.

The Library had no report to submit as they did not meet.

The Organic Garden reported that they are thriving!!! The volunteers worked for almost 1,000 hours from January through the end of June. They have been harvesting, among other things, tomatoes, onions, squash, peppers and cucumbers. A second beehive has been established! They are working hard and looking for more volunteers.

A motion was made by Kathy Noonan to postpone our discussion of the meeting policy until the next meeting and was seconded by Krysten Howard. It passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal building.

A motion was made at 8:15 PM to adjourn the meeting by Krysten Howard and seconded by Amy Hendee and passed unanimously.

Submitted by

Kathy Noonan

July 19, 2023