River Bend Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

October 7 – 6:30pm

Community Building – 51 Shoreline Drive

Board Members Present: Beth Stokes, Victoria Stuppy

Board Member Absent: None

Others Present: Barbara Maurer, Sean Sweeney, Shannon Sweeney, Kate Kelly, Brittney Fillman, Krysten Howard and Kym Dentico

Victoria Stuppy called the meeting to order at 6:31pm with a quorum present.

Financial Review - $1030 spent this year thus far.

Farmers Market Discussion – Victoria – Started 7/31. Baylyn Jacobs coordinated vendors. P& R has suggested, on numerous occasions via phone, text and email, regarding having more vendors at the market. At the last market, 15 vendors were scheduled and Baylyn chose to turn some away, but only 8 showed. This Friday's market has been cancelled due to Mumfest, a decision that P&R was not a part of and only learned of it on social media after it was decided. There are 3 Fridays left. 10/30 will be the last market as agreed upon in September when Baylyn notified P&R that crops would dry up in early November. Victoria & Kathy will be meeting with Baylyn on Monday. P&R sponsors the market. For the remainder of the season, P&R will invite any vendors that would like to participate, in addition to the vendors that have been part of the market. In the Spring, Parks & Rec will sponsor and organize. Kate Kelly will help with contacting the additional vendors to invite them to join us for the last 3 market days.

German Market at Christmas – A volunteer suggested having a German Market the night of the tree lighting this year. This would add something for the adults that attend. This has been mentioned in years past, that it would be nice to have something for the adults. We could use Town Hall if the vendors need to be inside due to the weather. We will discuss at a future meeting.

Fall Festival – In Partnership w/CAC -10/30

Mega slide, hay rides (wagon & tractor confirmed), Possum Wood Acres is coming, RHEMS fire dept will be coming to give out candy. Victoria will confirm petting zoo. Victoria Stuppy & Kathy Noonan will go pumpkin shopping.

Costume contest – Adults, children & pets. Runway show. A volunteer will help with planning this part of the festival. P&R will purchase trophies & rent carpet.

Future Events

A. Mah Jongg Thursday – Holly Smolinski and Marylou Brown reached out to Victoria about sponsoring Mah Jongg Thursdays. The proposed date to start is 10/15, 1 – 4pm. Holly will be teaching. Victoria Stuppy motioned to sponsor this event. Beth Stokes seconded.

B. Bingo – 11/20 – Beth Stokes will host. We will get prizes & snacks.

Update from Town Council – Kathy Noonan – No updates for P&R.

Intro to P&R Candidates for Appointment –

Brittany Fillman – Interested in joining. Main interest is the new playground. She would be willing to help with grants for this project. She writes grant proposals for a living and would like to join the advisory board.

Sean Sweeney – He has been on several boards in the past. He would like to make the town a better place. Sean made numerous suggestions for future events that will be taken up at future meetings.

Kate Kelly – Would like to join to help with events and to make the town a better place. She will be spearheading the Farmers Market and will coordinate with a volunteer on the German Holiday Market.

Victoria Stuppy motion to recommend the three candidates for appointment to the Board. Beth Stokes seconded.

No public comments.

Victoria Stuppy motioned to adjourn; Beth Stokes seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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Beth Stokes, Secretary