

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Monday, August 7th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – *Called to Order by Chairperson Bartz at 7:01PM*

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call –

Present: Chairperson Bartz, President Gehrke, and Trustee Meyle.

Staff: Administrator Jenkins.

In Audience: Trustee Abegglen

3. Consent Agenda:

a) Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 meeting.

-Motion to Consent the Agenda and Minutes by Gehrke, 2nd by Meyle. Approved Unanimously.

4. Public Comments - *None*

5. Items for Discussion and/or Action:

a) Debrief of Mudonia Mud Run – Administrator Jenkins began by emphasizing the goal of the Mud Run was to have at least 100 kids sign up and breakeven on costs-to-expenses. He stated 155 kids signed up, and gave the following financial breakdown of the event:

Revenue: \$4,000 Registrations, \$2,050 Sponsors = \$6,050

Expenses: \$2,311 to Wester Promotional Products, \$900 to Cousins Subs, and \$330 for Port-o-Potties = \$3,541

TOTAL Revenue After Expenses: \$2,509

The following feedback was discussed from amongst the Committee:

- *Volunteer Shirts should be a different color (reuse shirts and color from this year and next year make Kid Shirts different, also add year to shirt)*
- *Younger Kids Race first and short gaps between races? (Trustee Abegglen commented that as size of the event increases an hour gap will be needed and it's easier to shrink down course than expand it)*
- *Mud pit setup should be more thought out, larger, and "professional" with tarps, manufactured dirt, etc...*
- *More Sponsors are always a plus*
- *More Activities for Parking Lot*
- *Save Handicap Spaces*
- *Give Volunteers Squirt guns... for fun*
- *Additional Food Vendors and Adult Beverages*
- *Add Water to Coolers*
- *Advertise a Parent Run at the End for an Additional Fee. Admin Jenkins stated he could upsell this when parents are coming to pickup materials*

Overall, the Committee expressed sincere appreciation to the DPW Staff for a job well-done and thanked all who participated. It was deemed a successful event, and look forward to doing it again next year.

b) Update on Movie in the Park – *Tech Committee will meet to setup this Friday. NOZ will be there to sell concessions, Admin Jenkins will take care of 50/50 raffle*

c) Update on 150th Anniversary – *Chairperson Bartz stated she has put together a sub-committee that has their first meeting Wednesday. Admin Jenkins explained that since the Committee is a quorum of the Parks Committee, rather than reporting to Parks, the body can report straight to the Village Board on their efforts - the Committee agreed.*

d) Discussion of Winter Walk Through Marie Kraus Park – *Administrator Jenkins explained the logistics of a winter walk through Marie Kraus that would be a self-guided walk using cheap light up candles placed along the path. Guests would be encouraged to donate food for the Food Pantry or Cash for Recreation*

e) Discussion of Summer Music at Freedom Park – *Administrator Jenkins introduced the concept of a 4-month Summer long music series at Freedom Park. Each month the event would have 1 band, and 1 food truck. A corporate sponsor would cover the band costs (ideally) and Alcohol could be served by the Village – sales would generate income for Recreation.*

f) Discussion of Fireman's Park/Stoney Creek Park Basketball Court Upgrade – *Chairperson Bartz and President Gehrke discussed follow up with Dan Meyer of the Girls Basketball Association. Administrator Jenkins discussed the possibility of moving Stoney Creek basketball hoops and poles to Fireman's and utilizing staff to seal and paint the court – doing this move would allow staff to change the Stoney Creek court into a pickleball court. The Association could also sponsor a fence. President Gehrke will follow up with more with Association on their willingness to contribute.*

g) Discussion of Fall Event/s – *The Committee discussed ideas of another movie or some sort of Fall Fest? Ideas will be pondered until the next meeting.*

6. Correspondence – *President Gehrke and Administrator Jenkins gave update on Splash Pad. They met with Brian Stracke of Commercial Recreation Specialists and toured possible park locations. The best locations they determined were either Freedom Park or Marie Krause. Freedom Park was easier to connect to utilities but lacked a bathroom to change and would pave over most of available greenspace. Marie Krause would require extending some utilities but had the most possibilities for design, parking, and had the available bathrooms nearby. Next step is a presentation to the Village Board to commit to the project and create a rough design/estimate.*

7. Items for future consideration by Parks and Recreation Committee. – *Future meeting items will include Parking Options at Freedom and Holiday Tree Lighting*

8. Adjournment – *Motion to Adjourn by Meyle, 2nd by Gehrke. Approved Unanimously.*