

MINUTES OF THE
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING
Village of Butler

December 27, 2017

Minutes not formally approved until the next Park & Recreation Commission Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kevin Endries, Charlene Benjamin, Jerry Orvis (Trustee)

Excused: Dani Ernst

Absent: Tony Uravich

Guests: None

PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD

None

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Jerry Orvis, seconded by Charlene Benjamin, to approve the Park & Recreation Commission minutes of September 27, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Orvis, seconded by Kevin Endries, to approve the Park & Recreation Commission minutes of October 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Wrap Up report on Summer Horseshoe League;

- i) The league reportedly “went well.” For 2018, plans are that Bob Gundrum will manage Thursday night; Phil Gross will manage Wednesday night, with Kevin collecting money and paperwork and providing oversight.

b) Wrap Up report on Fall Softball League;

- i) per Dani Ernst: “We had 4 teams and 8 league nights with one rain out. Everyone had fun with a few different theme nights thrown in such as Oktoberfest, Margarita night & Halloween Costume night. I believe by next summer we can fill a full 8 league coed night. There was a lot of interest before the league started as well as throughout the league that next year will be bigger and better.”
- ii) We need umpires!
- iii) Jerry sent Dani contact info for a couple of possible men’s league. ACTION ITEM: Dani to get names of men’s leagues managers from Kayla or Carolyn and contact about 2018.
- iv) ACTION ITEM: Charlene work on an information brochure that we can post in local businesses and bars.

c) Playground Update;

- i) Per Kayla Chadwick: “We haven’t sold any of the [existing playground] pieces yet. We have interest in a few, but no actual sales. We are aiming for a spring build, but we need to wait to determine that exact date until we sign the grant agreement with the State. They told me they expect to have a grant agreement to me for Board approval in February. How many volunteers? ... the more the better. Lee Recreation told me they don’t really need to be skilled since they will have supervisors on hand to ensure we are doing it properly. Also, DPW will be there too. We will be relaying the asphalt walkways once the equipment is installed. Any equipment that is not sold will be scrapped.
- ii) Per Jerry Orvis, will need 20 volunteers

iii) ACTION ITEM: Charlene to get update from Kayla.

d) Christmas Parade/Celebration Update;

23 Parade Units, two new business participants -- Matt Edwards towing, SO Dance Studio

80+ Children to see Santa; our new Santa (Jim House) was a hit
Volunteers replied to 27 Letters to Santa.

10 Gift Cards were distributed to:	Michael	Franklin
	Caiden	Milwaukee
	Blake	Butler
	Joziah	Butler
	Chris	Butler
	Seth	Butler
	Samya	Butler
	Samantha	Butler
	Enrique	Butler
	Zoey & MacKenzie	Butler

Cost

Parade	\$ 468.45
Celebration	\$ 1,224.62
Total	\$ 1,693.07

Volunteer Hours

Charlene	71
Others	59
Total	130

e) Discussion and possible action on developing a Butler Community Garden;

i) tabled

f) Discussion and possible action on 2018 Softball and Fall League;

i) see notes above, still wanting men's and co-ed league in May, plus fall league

g) Discussion and possible action on possible park improvements;

i) Eagle project by Jordan Blair to be worked on next spring. Kevin is following.

ii) ACTION ITEM: Jerry will e-mail Jim (DPW) re: repair of covered picnic table (upper diamond), and benches outside Community Building.

NEW BUSINESS

a) January Action Items;

i) Update on Playground and recruiting volunteers.

ii) Discussion and possible action on developing a Butler Community Garden;

iii) Discussion and possible action on 2018 Softball Men's and women's and possible co-ed; tournaments

iv) Discussion and possible action on Park improvements

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jerry Orvis, seconded by Charlene Benjamin; adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for **January 24, 2018** in the Conference Room at Village Hall.

Submitted by: Charlene M Benjamin, Secretary, Park & Recreation Commission