

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

October 26, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Acting Chairman Kevin Endries, Parade Chairwoman Charlene Benjamin, Playground Committee member Christy Ojeda, and Trustee Michael Thew.

Absent: None

Also present: Village President Pat Tiarks

PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD

Pat Tiarks, 4724 N 127th Street, reported that to date, she has been unable to find a new member for the Park & Recreation Commission. Addition suggestions were offered. Tom or Chris Sardina, Nick Stella, or Mike Schelly. President Tiarks will follow up on these suggestions.

Mike Thew, 4903 N 126th Street, repeated his offer to donate Play box sand. Mike will hang on to the sand until spring, to give the Village time to decide how to use the donation. Mike suggested that Village Administrator Kayla Chadwick should discuss with Craig at Public Works.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Thew; second by Benjamin to approve the Park & Recreation Commission minutes of September 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout Project – Tom Endries addressed the board to request permission to continue with his Eagle Scout project, a covered picnic table at the lower level of Frontier Park. He provided a map of location and details on the construction. Motion by Thew, second by Ojeda to approve Tom Endries to present the project to the full Village Board.
2. Christmas parade – The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., half an hour earlier than last year, in an effort to make the times better for families with young children. The following communications have been sent: Donation request letters to local businesses, invitations to former parade participants, and requests for volunteer help. Some responses already received. The route remains that same. The parade permit has been submitted.
3. Interests Survey Responses – Charlene Benjamin provided a summary report on the Interests Survey conducted with village residents. We had a 27% response rate, and showed moderate interest in a variety of programs. Nothing stood out as a major area of interest. Because of this, Charlene suggested that what the survey showed that new programs would require effort in terms of engaging residents, including some marketing efforts. Christy Ojeda asked about advertising options in Butler. President Tiarks and Charlene Benjamin suggested banners, flyers, e-newsletter, word of mouth, Facebook pages, and phone calls. Charlene reported that the Fourth of July parade two-sided banner cost only \$115.00. Mike Thew will present the survey to the full Village Board. Charlene will send the file of results to Kayla.
4. Elections/Membership – The committee had already discussed the need for a new member, and agreed to continue to hold off on elections until that person is found.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thew; second by Ojeda. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Village Hall.

Submitted by:

Charlene M Benjamin, member, Park & Recreation Commission