

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

November 30, 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, Committee Member Jeff Zingsheim, and Trustee Michael Thew.

Absent: None

Also present: Village President Pat Tiarks

PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD

Charlene Benjamin proposed that the committee add proposed agenda items for the following meeting to the minutes of the current meeting. After some discussion, the suggestion was approved.

Items for the December agenda include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Holiday decoration contests discussion
- Playground Fundraising and Committee report
- Final parade and Holiday Celebration report
- Softball league discussion
- Horseshoe league discussion
- Kickball league discussion
- Dartball leagues discussion
- Committee Elections for Chair and Secretary

Mike Thew suggested we look into sponsoring contests for best decorations on certain holidays. We could ask local businesses for gift certificates to award as prizes, and provide a way for a popular vote to be taken to determine the winners. This could create more community interest, and an addition reason for reading the newsletter.

Kevin Endries asked that the committee members check out the picnic table built at the lower ball diamond, by his son for his Eagle Scout badge. A thank you to Tom Endries would be in order.

Christy Ojeda reported on the playground fund-raising bake sale held during the November 8th election. They raised \$770, and took in a donation of \$5K from Gene Liebl. The committee asked about upcoming events. The next meeting of Playground committee is December 8th, when the group will discuss and select events for 2017.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Thew; second by Ojeda to approve the Park & Recreation Commission minutes of October 26, 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parade & Holiday Celebration – all is ready for Friday, December 2nd. Fund raising has netted \$2,270. Expenses are estimated at \$2,500. Enough funds remain in the Non-Lapsing Fund to cover expenses. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. 21 units are planned for.
2. Elections – the committee will hold their elections on December 28, 2016. The delay is to give Jeff Zingsheim the opportunity to get oriented to the committee.
3. Softball Leagues – the committee discussed what is involved in managing the softball league. Further discussion was held about fence advertisements, and the sale of naming rights as a way to raise money to defray costs.

Charlene Benjamin will invite Kayla Chadwick to the January meeting to educate the committee on what was done by the Village Administration to manage the teams through the end of 2016, and to discuss which functions need to be taken up by someone on the committee.

4. Horseshoe Leagues – the league needs someone to manage it. Former members of the league seem to be willing to continue, but need to know what is required, and when the league will start up.

Kevin Endries will talk with former league members Jim Fisher, Bob Gundrum, and others to develop a list of names. Kevin will also discuss management of the league with Bob Gundrum, and invite him to the January meeting for further discussions on how to get the league started again for 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thew; second by Ojeda. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Village Hall.

Submitted by:

Charlene M Benjamin, member, Park & Recreation Commission