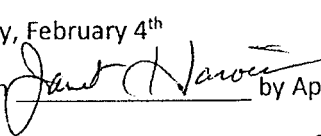


Recreation, Arts & Special Events


Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4th

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian



by Approval Date:

3-3-2020 

1. The meeting was called to order. The board members present were Tanner Alexander, James Arnold, Janet Haroian, Skip Schmidt, and Suzanne Weiss. The Police Department Representative was Lt. Byrne. Parks staff included Nate Tingley, Trevor Spohr, and Trina Vetter. Guests included Alissa Fuhrmann and Becky Blankenship from the American Cancer Society, Jill Schardt from the Edwardsville Public Library, and Tonya Genovese from St. Boniface.
2. The meeting minutes were read from the January 7th, meeting-with the correction of "The Chairman asks for motion" instead of "The Chairman makes a motion". Also, for the Leon Corlew Park, the Goshen Rotary made a donation of 4,000 dollars. Rotary International also made a donation of 4,000 dollars. The City of Edwardsville also made a donation of 12,000 from tourism funds.
3. Events and Facilities Requests:
 - a. St. Boniface Church-Run for Bonifest-5/23/2020
 - i. The only difference is the race has been re-routed to make it safer for runners and have less streets closed. Runners will start and end at the church. There will also be more volunteer marshals. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the event. The vote was passed unanimously.
 - b. American Cancer Society-Breakfast of Hope-5/30/2020
 - i. This is the 2nd annual event. Tickets will be available for purchase. Local restaurants are donating breakfast/brunch items. There will be family activities and a survivor's corner. Kansas Street was removed from the application for being closed. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the event. The vote was passed unanimously.
 - c. Edwardsville Public Library-Summer Reading Kickoff Party-5/27/2020
 - i. This is the same event as years previous. The date was changed to June 3rd after it was brought up that school would still be in session on their previous requested date. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the event. The vote was passed unanimously.
 - d. Edwardsville Public Library-2nd Annual Edwardsville Book Festival-9/5/2020
 - i. This is the same event as last year. The only change was to not close Kansas Street. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the event. The vote was passed unanimously.
4. Recreation Report
 - a. Spohr gave an update on youth basketball. He said the program is going well. 5th and 6th grade will end the week of February 3rd-7th. 3rd and 4th grade has a few weeks to go because of weather delays. 7th and 8th grade will be playing until March 9th because of weather delays and gym cancellations. Adult basketball has 9 total teams. Captains do not want to play at Woodland because of the size of the gym. Therefore, half the games are played at Woodland and the other half are at Liberty gym B. Next year, we will be

renting a full size gym. Future programs include: youth softball, pee wee t-ball, men's slow pitch, and sand volleyball. For youth softball, half the season will be played at Plummer Park and half will be played at Vadalabene.

- b. Spohr also reported on Plummer Family Park. Future plans include looking at contracts and looking for new employees for the parks. For pickle ball, the courts will be open to the public. Lessons and leagues will also be open to the public.

5. Program Report

- a. Vetter gave an update on the Daddy Daughter Dances. On February 4th, we had a few spaces open for Friday, February 14th.

6. Other Business

- a. Whitley's Wishes-Spohr reported that Whitley's Wishes would like to hold a 5K on May 2nd. They were looking at trying to get 100 people to attend. Issues that remain are the short time frame to put together the event and the route not being clear. The event was not approved.
- b. Route 66-It was confirmed that Route 66 will be held on the second weekend of June. Like last year, the event will only be held one day. Vetter mentioned that she hoped to bring up attendance on Saturday. Eventually she would like to go back to having Route 66 as a Friday and Saturday event.
- c. The Wildey Theatre-Tingley mentioned there will be an internal or external application for the new Business Manager of the Wildey.

Haroian called the meeting to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:00 PM.