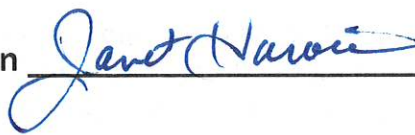


**Recreation Arts and Special Events
Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023**

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian



By Approval Date: 5-2-23

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm by Janet Haroian. The meeting was held in person at City Hall. Members in attendance at City Hall were Janet Haroian, Joshua Fark, Jeannette Mallon, and Lauren Szakielo.

Parks staff in attendance at City Hall included Nate Tingley, Grace Pellock, Christol Heberer, Phil Zamora, Jeremy Dempsey, and Amanda Prior-Alton.

Also in attendance were Ryan Hentz and Veronica Ambuehl

- II. There were no Public Comments.
- III. Minutes read from March meeting –

Jeanette Mallon motioned to approve the minutes as written, Lauren Szakielo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written with no opposition.

IV. Events and Facilities Requests:

Route 66 10K:

Janet Haroian presented the event application.

The Metro Milers will host the annual Route 66 10K. The requested date is June 10, 2023. The Route 66 10K run will be from 8am – 10am with the start at City Park. The course will be the same as previous years. They will have street closure and assistance from the police department.

Motion to approve (Szakielo) Route 66 10K, seconded (Fark) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

Zienna Boutique Vendor Event:

Grace presented the event application.

This new event will take place on May 20, 2023 from 11am – 4pm at City Park. Event will include alcohol, food trucks, inflatables, vendors, and music with a DJ on the bandstand. Street closure of Park Street will be needed.

Motion to approve (Mallon) contingent upon providing the Certificate of Insurance, seconded (Szakielo) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

Edwardsville Rotary Criterium:

Janet Haroian presented the event application.

The requested date for the Rotary Criterium is August 19, 2023. The course and schedule will be similar as it was last year except for the street closure will be starting at 8 am this year. The event will start and finish earlier this year. There will not be a run this year. The event will have the entertainment zone with food and music that will continue after the bike race has finished. There will be a kid zone and a kid bike race.

Motion to approve (Fark) Edwardsville Rotary Criterium contingent upon providing the Certificate of Insurance, seconded (Szakielo) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

Taste of Edwardsville:

Veronica Ambuehl presented the application.

The 14th annual Taste of Edwardsville will start on May 20, 2023 from 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm. This event will partner with The Ink House and have street closure in front of it. On the 2nd street closure will be a massive enclosed tent for the evening activities. Discussions with Public Works, the Police Department, and Park Department have taken place.

Motion to approve (Fark) Taste of Edwardsville, seconded (Mallon) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

Run for Bonifest:

Ryan from St. Boniface presented the application.

Run for Bonifest will be held on June 3, 2023 from 8:30am – 10:00am. Street closure will be the same as previous years. The event will be the same without any changes. 600 people are expected for this event. The route has already been approved by the police department.

Motion to approve (Mallon) Run for Bonifest, seconded (Szakielo) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

Bonifest:

Ryan from St. Boniface presented the application.

Bonifest will be held on June 2-3, 2023 from 4 pm-11:59 pm each day. Event is similar to last year. The band, Bad Company is booked. Road closure of Buchanan and Filmore Street as in previous years.

Motion to approve (Szakielo) Bonifest, seconded (Fark) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

V. Recreation Report

Jeremy Dempsey gave the Recreation Report.

- a) Youth softball has 301 girls signed up.
- b) Pee Wee T-ball currently has all three time slots filled with 40 participants each. We are potentially looking at opening up more spots.
- c) Youth Sand Volleyball has over 59 teams interested in the upcoming season.
- d) Youth Rugby started on March 26, 2023 with 20 participants across non-contact and contact Rugby.
- e) Spring Adult Basketball league will be starting on April 11, 2023.
- f) Corn hole came back on March 22, 2023 for another session with 4 returning teams and 2 new teams.
- g) Adult Kickball is back with 10 teams in the Co-Ed division and 8 teams in the Women's Doubleheader league. The Co-Ed league started on April 3, 2023 and the Women's League is slated to start on April 6, 2023.
- h) We will begin to open up for registration for the summer sports leagues.
- i) Plummer Family Park will continue to have YMCA, Glen Ed, and SLYSA games/practices.
- j) Challenger Baseball is starting soon and we will use the Challenger field at Plummer Family Park on Saturday mornings.

VI. Program Report

Grace Pellock gave the Program Report.

- a) Paws in the Park will take place April 8, 2023 at City Park. This is a dog Easter egg hunt. There will be goodie bags for the dogs, vendors and prizes. Paws in the park will be partnering with Whisker Bones who will be donating some money and prize baskets. All the proceeds left will be donated to the Metro East Humane Society. 66 dogs have registered so far.
- b) On April 22, 2023, will be Earth Day 2023 Watershed Nature Center Run Wild from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Watershed Nature Center.

- c) Also on April 22, 2023 will be Global Brew Spring Beer Fest from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm at City Park.
- d) Babysitting Training will be May 27, 2023 at the R.P. Lumber Center. This is for ages 12-16. The class will run 10 am-4 pm. A box lunch will be served.
- e) Summer Kickoff will be May 31, 2023 at City Park.

Special Events/Other events to mention include:

Route 66 Festival –

The band selection is finalized. Food and Market vendor applications were sent out. The bounce house, tables and chairs are being ordered. The history tent and trolley ride is also being organized for the event.

Art in the Park Series –

The band selection is finalized. The movies are being determined by a Facebook poll. Children's Art will be happening every Saturday again this summer with the Edwardsville Art Fair. Yoga in the park will also take place this summer.

VII. RP Lumber Center Report

Phil Zamora gave the R.P. Lumber Center Report.

- a) Session 4 of Learn to Skate is wrapping up and Session 5 begins April 19, 2023.
- b) Shine on Ice session began on April 1, and 20 participants signed up for the program.
- c) Spring League Hockey has begun.
- d) Summer rentals are coming in.
- e) Skate with the Easter Bunny event will be held on April 8, 2023, from 12pm-2pm. RPLC will be closed Easter Sunday.

VIII. Wildey Theatre Report

Amanda Prior-Alton gave the Wildey Theatre Report.

- a) Widley has upcoming concerts of Sister Hazel, Hillbenders, Pavlov's Dog, Ana Popovich, Zebra, Leo Kottke.

- b) A new POS system should be working soon.
- c) We are currently interviewing for a PT Production Assistant.
- d) A contract for a video game tournament in July is in the works.
- e) Completed renovations include ticket booth and exterior trim painting.
- f) We are looking toward booking reoccurring contacts and other local businesses for meetings and trainings.
- g) Every Tuesday night we have Yoga and a movie.
- h) Wildey is coordinating with Rec Sports every Monday night to host the Cornhole league.

IX. Directors Report

Nate Tingley gave the Directors Report.

- a) Mowing season is starting back up.
- b) A new fence was installed at Leclair Lake Park along Madison Ave.
- c) The backstop was replaced at Vadalabene Park.
- d) Several Parks parking lots will be sealed and striped soon.
- e) There is continued work with SM Wilson at the RPLC.
- f) There is continued improvement at the M Street parks shed.
- g) The 23-24 proposed budget is currently being viewed by the Finance department.
- h) The quarterly reports will be coming out in the May RASE Board Meeting.

X. Open Floor

Haroian adjourned the meeting at 5:57 PM.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2023

Minutes submitted by: Christol Heberer