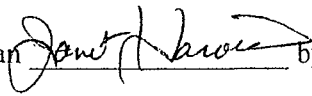



Recreation Arts and Special Events  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2020

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian  by Approval Date: 6-2-2020 

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:03 by Janet Haroian via Zoom. Members in attendance included Janet Haroian, Tanner Alexander, Skip Schmidt, James Arnold and Suzanne Weiss. Park staff in attendance included Nate Tingley, Trevor Spohr, Amy Baxter and Trina Vetter. Police Department was represented by Lt. Byrne.
- II. Minutes read from March 3, 2020 meeting -- James motioned to pass the minutes and Tanner seconded the motion. The vote to pass the minutes was unanimously.
- III. **Events and Facilities Requests:**
  - a) Faith Coalition – Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on 4/12/2020 - Canceled
  - b) Global Brew – Spring Beer Fest
    - (i) Beer fest was discussed with need for potential new dates as new government decisions were made on group sizes. Board decided to allow continued movement of date as long as it was okay with the schedule of City Park and as long as the police department was kept informed. No need to get re-approval by the RASE board. James motioned to approve the event and Suzanne seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
  - c) Whitley’s Wishes – 5K on 5/16/2020
    - (i) Whitley’s Wishes is a 501c3 in honor of Christy’s daughter, Whitley, who died of DIPG, pediatric brain cancer and previously approved at the March meeting. The date was asked to be moved to August 22, 2020. The board stated they are fine with date changes as mentioned above as long as Trevor is fine with the scheduling at Plummer Park and Lt Byrne is kept in the loop for potential traffic issues. Skip motioned to approve the event upon receipt of the copy of insurance and Tanner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
  - d) St. Boniface – Bonifest is postponed. No discussion
  - e) American Cancer Society Breakfast of Hope
    - (i) The event will be postponed until August 1, 2020 and dependent on size allowances by that date. Skip motioned to approve the event upon receipt

of the copy of insurance and Tanner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

- f) Edwardsville Public Library – Summer Kick-off is canceled. No discussion
- g) The Land of Goshen Community Market – Farmer’s Market
  - (i) Event has no changes as previous years. The event is still being ironed out on how it will work and will not open as originally planned in early May. They plan on opening by the end of May and running into November, if possible. Discussion was had about the dates and no conflicts were seen. Suzanne motioned to approve the event and James seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- h) Pilates Barre Studio – Community Fitness Expo – June 6, 2020
  - (i) Discussion about this event and the benefit to the community. It was agreed that the idea of it is a positive one and we would want to support it. Therefore, motion was made to approve the event and leave the official date open due to size constraints and not knowing when different size group gathering will be allowed. Tanner motioned to approve the event as a whole and Skip seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

#### **IV. Recreation Report**

- a) Spohr gave an update on sports programs. Youth basketball showed a profit of \$917.08 but adult basketball had a loss of \$382.27 due to gym rental and officials costs. He mentioned that things would be adjusted next year taking these things into consideration.
- b) Spohr discussed sand volleyball, youth softball, PeeWee t-ball and Men’s/Coed Slow Pitch softball numbers.
  - Sand Volleyball – 14 Teams
  - Youth Softball – 143 Individuals
  - PeeWee T-Ball – 28 Individuals
  - Men’s Slow Pitch – 12 Teams
  - Coed Slow Pitch – 5 TeamsSome of these numbers are down from last year but he pointed out that COVID-19 was influencing that as a start date couldn’t be predicted yet. If seasons were canceled then we would be issuing refunds.

- c) Spohr discussed Plummer Family Park and the hope to stay on track with a baseball tournament in May. He continues to work with the YMCA and Glen Ed to keep their leagues going in the summer with options.
- d) Spohr discussed the pool for the summer and continued opening but with a delayed start.
- e) Leon Corlew Splash Pad will open when the pool opens.
- f) Spohr informed the board that there is currently a hiring freeze but that he is still accepting applications so that he can hire quickly when the hold is lifted and staff is needed for the summer months.
- g) Vetter gave an update on Special Event programs. Kite Fly was canceled. Ice Cream Social will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> or postponed until June. The symphony is to have their first concert on May 31<sup>st</sup> although could be postponed and added to the end of the schedule in September. Route 66 has been canceled for June 13, 2020. Mother/Son Event will be rescheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- h) July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks were discussed. More discussion was to happen soon.
- i) Tingley reported to the board how the stay at home order was working with the Parks and Recreation staff. He informed the board about the laborers and adjusting their hours. Update on the backlog with laborers due to the constraints of COVID-19. They have been working on the swing set build and prepping for the surface pour. They had planted the 400 free trees that Amy Baxter had acquired the grant for at Drda Woods.

## **V. Other Information**

- a) Food truck concerns were discussed as they would pertain to the RASE board. Currently approved food trucks licensed by the city can sell in the warehouse district. Otherwise they need to be approved for special events which would go from the RASE board to ACS and then to Council. It was brought to the understanding that there was confusion in place. If a food truck is providing their product versus selling it then they would not have to go through this process. They would be seen as a catering style service and not need city approval. Further clarification is needed.
- b) The relocation of Nickel Plate Station was discussed. It has been relocated near Edwardsville Children's Museum.
- c) Tingley brought up the need for recommendation for a new RASE board member. It is a three-year commitment. Any suggestions need to be turned into Janet or Nate as soon as possible.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Haroian adjourned the meeting.

**The next meeting will not be held until June 2, 2020**

Minutes submitted by: Trina Vetter