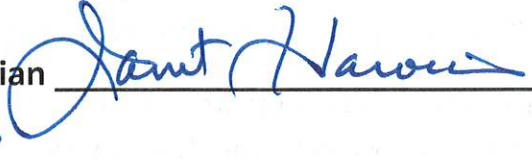


**Recreation Arts and Special Events
Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2023**

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian



By Approval Date: 6-6-23

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, Lauren Szakielo, Tanner Alexander, and Suzanne Weiss.

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 was Lt. Brandn Whittaker.

- II. There were no Public Comments.
- III. Minutes read from April 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:

Edwardsville High School Homecoming Parade:

Janet Haroian presented the event application.

Edwardsville High School will host its annual Homecoming Parade Wednesday, September 27, 2023. The times and route will be the same as previous years.

Motion to approve (Alexander) Edwardsville High School Homecoming Parade contingent upon getting the certificate of insurance, seconded (Fark) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

V. Recreation Report

Jeremy Dempsey gave the Recreation Report.

- a) Youth softball has 23 teams across 4 divisions. Games will start on Monday.
- b) Pee Wee T-ball will start on May 13th with about 150 kids.
- c) Youth Sand Volleyball has 50 teams. The youth sand volleyball league will be playing 5 nights a week instead of the originally planned 3 nights a week.

- d) Youth Rugby is wrapping up on May 7th.
- e) Spring Adult Basketball league is going well and will end on May 23rd.
- f) Corn hole is doing well with the 6 teams. This session will end on May 22nd.
- g) Adult Kickball is in full swing with 10 teams in the Co-Ed division and 8 teams in the Women's Doubleheader league. The Co-Ed league will end this month and the women's league will go through June.
- h) Adult Softball will start May 3rd, with 30 teams across 4 divisions.
- i) Partnership with EHS head softball coach Caty Happe to host a pitching clinic for the 12U softball division.
- j) Challenger Baseball is played at Plummer Family Park on diamond 3 from 9 am – noon.
- k) We will be hosting one ultimate frisbee tournament, one pickleball tournament, and four baseball tournaments this month.
- l) We will continue to host Glen Ed/SLYSA games and practices, SWIBL games and practices, EGLLA practices.

VI. Program Report

Grace Pellock gave the Program Report.

- a) Paws in the Park had over 180 in attendance and raised a total of \$1,214.18 for Metro East Humane Society.
- b) Babysitting Training will be May 27th 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.
- c) Summer Kickoff will be May 31st, 2023 at City Park. This will involve a collaboration with the Edwardsville Library.
- d) Edwardsville Symphony will have their first performance on May 28th.

Special Events/Other events to mention include:

Goshen Market will open May 13th.

Zienna Boutique and Taste of Edwardsville will be May 20th.

Route 66 Festival Update:

The band selection is finalized. Sponsors and vendor applications are still coming in. The Kid Zone is booked. The tent, tables and chairs are ordered.

VII. RP Lumber Center Report

Phil Zamora gave the RP Lumber Center Report.

- a) Spring Learn to Skate has 132 participants.
- b) Hockey Initiation begins May 7th.
- c) Adult Rookie League has 4 teams. A new session will begin May 21st.
- d) High School Drop In Hockey begins in June.
- e) Ice Technician attended a Zamboni Conference in Wisconsin. He was able to bring back the ice paint that we will use in July.
- f) The figure skating club just got approved for a 501c3.

VIII. Wildey Theatre Report

Amanda Prior-Alton gave the Wildey Theatre Report.

- a) Upcoming concerts: of Ana Popovich, Heartsfield, Zebra, William Lee Martin, Leo Kottke.
- b) Staffing: we are currently looking for 2 concessionaires. We hired a part time production assistant.
- c) Rentals: wedding and graduation parties are in full swing.
- d) Movies: attendance for movies are on the rise.
- e) Community events: Thomas Jefferson speaker, working with Friends of Wildey on Route 66 Festival Variety Show, and the St. Louis Film Festival.

IX. Directors Report

Nate Tingley gave the Directors Report.

- a) The State of the City and City Council Meeting is tonight.
- b) Parking lots for Hoppe, Benjamin Stephenson House, Children's Museum, Leclair Field, Vadalabene Park, and Leon Corlew Park have been sealed and striped. Still need to do Winston Brown and Watershed parking lots.
- c) Dirt field improvements at Small Hoppe, both fields at Winston Brown, and both fields at Vadalabene Park are underway.
- d) Fence improvements completed at Leclair Park. Fence improvements underway at Leclair Park on the east side of Madison Avenue. Also, fence work on the Vadalabene backstop and in front of the dug outs. Back stops will be installed at Winston Brown, and Leclair fields soon.
- e) Brent Leh Dog Park has had some benches and trees installed. The new Brent Leh Memorial Dog Park sign should be coming soon. Some rock landscaping will done at the entrance of the park.
- f) There were some volunteers planting trees this past Saturday at the Arbor Day Celebration. The Edwardsville Beautification and Tree Commission led a troop of girl scouts in planting a tree at the Nickel Plate Station. On last Wednesday, Heartlands Conservancy led a volunteer effort with Scott Credit Union they had around 60 trees and was supplemented by around 10 trees from the Nature Preserve Foundation's Earth Day Celebration which were planted at Drda Woods.
- g) Heartlands Conservancy continues to work on the conservation plan. They have a survey that is available for people to take to help find out what amenities/activities people would like at Drda woods and Richards Woods. The survey can be found on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.
- h) A part time horticulture coordinator was hired. A full time RP Lumber Center Coordinator position will be presented at tonight's City Council meeting. Parks Laborers will be hiring for seasonal positions.

X. Open Floor

Haroian adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM.

The next meeting will be June 6, 2023

Minutes submitted by: Christol Heberer