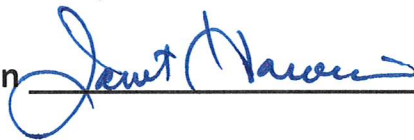


**Recreation Arts and Special Events
Board Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023**

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian

By Approval Date: 8-1-23



- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Janet Haroian. The meeting was held in person at City Hall. Members in attendance at City Hall were Janet Haroian, Josh Fark, Lauren Szakielo, Tanner Alexander, and Suzanne Weiss.

Parks staff in attendance at City Hall included Nate Tingley, Canee' Brown, Grace Pellock, and Christol Heberer.

Also in attendance was Lt. Brandn Whittaker and Alan Oberholtzer.

- II. There were no Public Comments.

- III. Minutes read from May meeting –

Suzanne Weiss motioned to approve the minutes as written, Josh Fark seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written with one abstention from Tony Green.

IV. Events and Facilities Requests:

Leclaire Parkfest:

Rebecca Reardon on behalf of Friends of Leclaire presented the event application. Friends of Leclaire will host its annual Leclaire Parkfest October 15th, 2023. The event will be similar to the ones in the past except for a couple of minor changes this year. There will not be a parade this year. The start time of the event will be at 11:00 am instead of noon.

Motion to approve (Alexander) Leclaire Parkfest contingent upon getting the certificate of insurance, seconded (Szakielo) and voted all ayes to forward to ACS.

V. Recreation Report

Canee' Brown gave the Recreation Report.

- a) Youth Softball is going into week 5. At the end of the season there will be a championship series.
- b) Pee Wee T-ball has 155 kids going into their third week of instruction.

- c) Youth Sand Volleyball has 52 teams playing in session 1 and 24 have registered for session 2 starting on July 10th.
- d) NFL Flag Football is starting practice June 5th with 154 kids registered. There are 15 teams across three divisions.
- e) Adult Softball has 30 teams.
- f) Adult Coed Kickball has come to an end for the season. The Fire Ballz were the spring league champs.
- g) Women's Kickball League will start playoffs next week. The summer session will begin July 10th.
- h) Spring Adult Basketball league has wrapped up for the season. The Sneaker Squeakers came out as champs.
- i) Competitive Cornhole league is done for the spring. The Sandbaggers were league champs. We will start back up in the fall.
- j) We have teamed up with SWHET to offer softball camps for girls ages 5-16. They currently have 9 girls registered. The girls will train with local division 1 athletes. The camp will run June 26th – 30th from 9 am to noon at Plummer Family Park.
- k) All summer sports for adult and youth are open for registration online.
- l) The Splash Pad is open.

VI. Program Report

Grace Pellock gave the Program Report.

- a) Babysitting Training was May 27th at the R.P. Lumber Center. It was a great class with several guest speakers and hands on experience.
- b) Summer Kickoff was May 31st, 2023 at City Park. This was a collaboration with the Edwardsville Public Library. There were around 850 guests in attendance. There was a bubble bus, yard games and free ice cream.
- c) Edwardsville Symphony had their first performance on May 28th.
- d) Route 66 Festival Weekend of Events begin at 8 am with the Metro Milers 10k run. There will be vendors, a Family Zone, caricature artist, talent show, petting zoo, bands performing, and a car show.