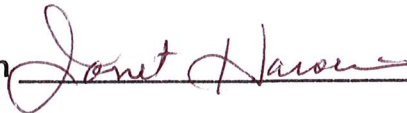


**Recreation Arts and Special Events
Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021 & July 12th 2021**

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian



By Approval Date: 8-3-2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by Janet Haroian. The meeting was held in person at City Hall. Members in attendance at City Hall were Janet Haroian, Tanner Alexander, Skip Schmidt and Lauren Szakielo.

Parks staff in attendance at City Hall included Nate Tingley, Trina Vetter, and Trevor Spohr. The Police Department was represented by Lt. Mike Lybarger. Event representatives for Friends of Leclaire and Edwardsville High School were also in attendance.

- II. Minutes read from June 1, 2021 meeting – approved by Janet Haroian

III. Events and Facilities Requests:

- a) **Edwardsville High School – Homecoming Parade 2021:** Representative present was Jamie Kupferer. The Homecoming parade was presented with no changes from previous years. It will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. The same route will go from Eden Church to Lincoln Middle School. Set up will start at approximately 4:30 PM with a predicted 40-50 floats. There will be three bands – EHS, Lincoln Middle School and Liberty Middle School. There is no rain date. There was a motion for approval of the event by Tanner Alexander. It was seconded by Lauren Szakielo. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Friends of Leclaire – Parkfest:** Representatives present were Cindy Reinhardt and new coordinator this year, Rebecca Reardon. The Parkfest was presented with no changes from previous years. They requested all fees to be waived which includes the initial \$250 special event permit fee and all associated City staff costs for the event. They have not paid any permit fee or staff costs in the past. Previous years they have used one park laborer, at least one police officer, and the DARE Car with officers. It was presented that the reasoning for the request to waive fees is because the funds raised at the Parkfest and other resources go to the education and improvement of Leclaire neighborhood and Leclaire Park for items such as but not limited to toy bouncer, picnic tables, lake fountain, flower, paint, sidewalks, trees, signage, etc., and additional support for the Children’s Museum and Nickel Plate Depot. They will have to go to ACS for approval of waiving the fees. There was a motion for approval of the event by Alexander. It was seconded by Skip Schmidt. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) **Edwardsville Halloween Parade:** The Edwardsville Halloween Parade was presented with no changes. There was not a representative at the meeting in person but they

have also requested a waiver of fees including application fee and park staff costs including the staffing of police officers, Public Works and Parks Staff. They will also have to go to ACS for approval of waiving the fees. There was a motion for approval of the event by Lauren Szakielo. It was seconded by Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Recreation Report

- a) Spohr gave an update. Youth Softball is finishing up their season. Youth Volleyball had a successful tournament and a new session starts this week.
- b) NFL Flag Football 8U division is running very smooth. Excited for the future of the program.
- c) Men's and Coed Adult Softball is in full swing; concession sales are doing very well.
- d) Spohr and Brown are preparing for a 2 day pickleball tournament in September.
- e) Plummer Park is running at full steam. Concession stand sales are very successful.
- f) Splash Pad is fully operational and doing very well.

V. Program Report

- a) Vetter gave an update on the previous and upcoming events. The fishing derby event, held Saturday, June 19th, 2021, was a success. There was a good turnout and nice range in the ages of the children who attended.
- b) Yoga in the Park will continue to be held each Saturday at Leclaire Park through August 2021.
- c) She gave an update on the Arts in City Park series. Children's Arts in the Park has been going well. We have had a few concerts and movies get postponed or get a low turnout due to weather.
- d) Lastly, she reported on the upcoming events. There will be several concerts in July as well as the monthly movie, Symphony concert, Muny Band performance, and an Opera Edwardsville Children's Opera performance. Hopefully, the weather will behave for these events.

VI. Directors Report

- a) Tingley gave a status report on the R.P. Lumber Center.
- b) He also gave an update on Plummer Park.
- c) Lastly, he gave a status report on DRDA and Richard Woods.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Haroian adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

This meeting was a quorum, the next meeting will be August 3rd.

Minutes submitted by: Trina Vetter and Trevor Spohr