

Village of Kinderhook
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - February 15, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Present: Jennifer Blood, Shannon Eigenbrodt, Mark Plakias - Vice Chair, Cammy Salazar, Amber van Moessner - Chair

Absent: Dave Dellehunt

Other: Dorene Weir - Village Trustee Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022. Moved: M. Plakias; Second: C. Salazar. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Family Entertainment Flyer - The Village of Kinderhook received a flyer from Mark Rust - "Great Family Entertainment". The flyer states Mark Rust is an experienced family and children's performer. Programs: Sing-alongs, dances, and camp, holiday, environmental, and patriotic shows.

Old Business: **Playground Equipment Update**
D. Weir gave the Commission an update on the playground equipment which was approved by the Village Board and has been ordered, should arrive by end of August or beginning of September. The Commission thanked D. Weir for all her efforts in moving this initiative forward. It was also noted that Miracle did reach out to A. van Moessner in regard to equipment color, color to match existing structure.

New Business: **Kinderhook Library**
Matt Pavloff has stepped up as the new Director of the Library, replacing AnnaLee Dragon who accepted a new position with the New York State Library System. D. Weir and A. van Moessner met with M. Pavloff to discuss upcoming events.

Village Playground & Events Survey
A. van Moessner would like to put together a draft survey for community events and the Village playground and would welcome suggestions to incorporate into

the survey. Questions relating to playground equipment, and past, current, and future events would be included in the survey. D. Weir spoke of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and will photo copy those sections relevant to the Recreation Commission to review and to assist in formulating the survey questions. In addition, at the 2019 Community Night event, there was a survey conducted which resulted in 15 responses. Most of those responses did mention more Community Night events and requests for adult beverages.

J. Blood suggested having a “steering committee” for those interested in planning adult events. Email and phone numbers will also be requested on the survey for those interested in being involved in the planning process of event(s).

Event Planning

Bunny Hop - Saturday, April 16th - noon (Commission members meet at 11 am at location)

C. Salazar has agreed to “captain” the event. A. van Moessner to co-captain if needed. D. Weir stated she had received a call from the Elks regarding the bunny and the bandstand. S. Eigenbrodt recalls the bunny at the bandstand before and after the event which does cut down on the number of people at the bandstand at one time. D. Weir will reach back out to the Elks with event details. House of History will need to be contacted for the event and a Certificate of Insurance will also be needed for use of the grounds. A. van Moessner to contact the Library to see if individuals from the teen group may want to assist in hiding the eggs. Inventory of the plastic eggs will be needed, C. Salazar to contact D. Weir for access to Van Buren Hall for egg count. Candy order will need to be placed through the Village Clerk, N. Heeder, C. Salazar to place order taking into consideration size of candy in relation to plastic eggs. Date and time will need to be arranged for filling of the plastic eggs once the candy arrives. C. Salazar offered and will create the flyer for this event. Mask and enforcement were discussed and requirements come April may be different, mask most likely will be considered optional. Event will be rain or shine.

Motion made to spend up to \$200 for the Bunny Hop event.

Motion: A. van Moessner; Second: J. Blood. Motion carried.

Community Night - September 17th - Rothermel Park

D. Weir and A. van Moessner have reached out to secure vendors. Food vendors have been contacted and band (\$600) and rock climbing wall (\$780 for 3 hrs) are both locked in. The Library has been contacted to see if they would like to sponsor an activity. Pony rides & petting zoo (\$650) would be an option and have not been contacted/secured at this point. Photo Booth has doubled in price and other options should be considered in its place. Laser tag, games, sand table/sand art, miniature golf (possibly use the tennis court) we’re also suggested.. D. Weir to contact the Village businesses for their involvement in the event. Possibly have a roped off area by the pavilion to have adult drinks. Placement of food trucks (four) will need to be identified. Please reach out to some food vendors, drink

vendors, and bring your ideas for activities to the next meeting. Need an event “captain” for this event. A. van Moessner will do everything up till the event and then need someone to step-up and assist that evening.

Events (New to Calendar)

Family Pride Celebration - in partnership with the Library - June 4th.

The Library will be hosting a Drag Queen story hour and a pride theme flag making activity.

Since this is a new event for the Recreation Commission and upon approval from the Village Board, the Commission would provide refreshments in the Village Square, the stopping point of a mini parade from the Library. A. van Moessner would also like to contact and include the Village businesses in this celebration. In response to a sound system request, M. Plakias offered his PA system for use by the Recreation Commission which should prove helpful for this event and other planned events by the Commission. Thank you, Mark!

Juneteenth Event - in partnership with the Library - June 18th - Rothermel Park.

The Library plans to hire a speaker from the Underground Railroad Museum to discuss the history of Juneteenth and the Underground Railroad as they relate to both the Capital District and Kinderhook area. A “story walk” around the playground was also discussed along with welcoming a black-owned business(es) to participate in the event. Since this is a new event for the Recreation Commission, D. Weir will bring this event request forward to the Village Board for their approval. More discussion of the Commission’s role/activities once approval is received.

Adult Events - J. Blood would like to see “socials” to welcome businesses, a theme event, networking, adults welcoming neighbors, etc. Dance, sock hop, paint & sip, adult oriented events/activities to broaden community interest. A. van Moessner to add to the survey.

Budget Requests

D. Weir and A. van Moessner met to discuss the budget numbers for D. Weir to present at upcoming budget meetings with the Village Board prior to finalization. Breakdown included: Summer Camp Staffing \$10,000, Equipment \$250, Field Trips & Supplies \$6,000. Events: Community Night \$2,800, Halloween \$500, Music Event \$400, Easter Egg/Bunny Hop \$200, and some smaller events \$140. Summer Camp Salary: Director \$3,000. Summer Camp Hourly: Asst. Director \$14.10/hr, and Counselors (4) \$13.10/hr. Approximately 40 campers in the past, 4 counselors had been hired. Possible salary changes may be needed to attract interest and field trips budget dollars may need to transfer to the staffing line. All changes will need Village Board approval.

S. Eigenbrodt inquired on this year’s budget for \$ not fully expended and D. Weir stated any unused funds should be deposited into the savings account and could be used for additional playground equipment. Prior to fiscal year end, May 31,

2022, the Commission will need to make a motion to have those funds transferred to the savings account.

Discussion was had regarding adding budget \$ for T-shirts or hats to identify the Commission members when hosting events.

Summer Camp Timeline

M. Plakias and C. Salazar have made progress in reviewing the County documents. M. Plakias to identify the different sections of the document and start an email thread, C. Salazar will also take the lead in filling out the documents. The importance of knowing who the Director will be plays a significant role in completing the documents. Commission members were requested to seek out possible applicants for filling the summer camp staff positions.

Other:

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: C. Salazar. Motion carried.



Jacqueline Bujanow,
Secretary, Recreation Commission