

Village of Kinderhook
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - April 11, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Present: Amber van Moessner - Chair, Mark Plakias - Vice Chair, Dave Dellehunt, Shannon Eigenbrodt, Cammy Salazar

Absent: Jennifer Blood

Other: Dorene Weir - Village Trustee Liaison, Mark Browne - Village Trustee, Quinn Murphy, Pete Santamaria

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022. Moved: D. Dellehunt; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Letter & email of interest received from Quinn Murphy for filling the Recreation Commission's open seat and from Pete Santa Maria with his interest in the open alternate position. Both Q. Murphy and P. Santamaria introduced themselves along with the introduction of each of the Commission members. D. Weir to bring forward both their names to the Village Board at their next meeting, April 13, 2022, for appointment approval.

Old Business: **Summer Camp Update** - report by A. van Moessner

- A Director needs to be hired by end of April since the County packet needs to be complete and submitted by May 11, 2022.
- There is some time flexibility in hiring the Assistant Director and 4 Counselors along with some alternates or "Counselors in Training".
- A. van Moessner reached out to Ichabod Crane, Columbia Greene Community College, and Hudson Valley Community College with a flyer of open positions to post. J. Bujanow also reached out to HVCC. Other Commission members have been reaching out and will continue spreading the word on the open positions.
- Thank you to C. Salazar and M. Plakias for completing the County packet. State Safety Guidelines will be available in template form for municipalities to use. Insurance certificates to be obtained through the County covering all municipalities.

- S. Eigenbrodt noted that in the past, some residents brought their applications in the day of and those applications were accepted and if a deadline is being set, residents need to know the new deadline process.
- Summer Camp is free to Village residents in the designated age group. J. Bujanow pulled up the draft guidelines that the Commission had been working on pre-COVID and read *“Eligibility & Cost - Children and grandchildren of Village residents that are entering kindergarten on up through children that have not entered high school (not to exceed 14 years of age) are eligible to attend free of charge. In addition, children that are entering kindergarten on up through children that have not entered high school (not to exceed 14 years of age) of the following non-Village residents may also attend:*
 - *Children of Kinderhook Village employees may attend free of charge*
 - *Children of taxpaying non-residents and/or children of individuals who work daily in the Village of Kinderhook may attend at a cost of \$185 per child”*
- A. van Moessner and D. Weir talked with Mayor Abrams and noted that the Recreation Commission spends more than 1/2 of the budget on Summer Camp which serves approximately 40 campers/20 families. The members were asked to consider if that is the best use of budget dollars since it benefits a specific age group and not all residents. Should the Commission explore the potential of next year working with the Town of Kinderhook and their summer program which is 6 hours a day? It was also noted that the Village of Valatie and the Town of Stuyvesant both had their own summer camps and have since joined with the Town of Kinderhook. As a result, funding from the State to Valatie and Stuyvesant designated for summer camp use went to the Town of Kinderhook. Other options would be to increase the Village’s summer camp from 1/2 day to full day with less weeks, or reduce the number of days per week to 2 or 3 full days in order to justify the cost in relation to the small number of residents who benefit. Additionally, other options could be summer weekend programming or subsidize the cost. All options should be considered due to the struggle to obtain summer camp employees, County summer camp requirements, and cost to run the program for a limited number of campers.
- D. Weir suggested putting together a survey and asking the questions regarding summer camp. With the feedback, form a small focus group and analyze the responses from young, middle-aged, and seniors. (Survey would need to have an area to check off for age group.) Discussion was had regarding surveys and their usefulness.

Bunny Hop Update

Saturday, April 16th - Noon - Vanderpoel House (Commission members meet @ 10:30 am at the Vanderpoel House) - C. Salazar, Event Planner

- D. Dellehunt to arrive early to clean field.
- Kids will be grouped by age, signs & cones will be used to indicate age groups.
- D. Weir to contact DPW for barrels for recycled eggs and for trash.
- D. Weir to reach out to Deputy Clerk for a bullhorn, if available. (In the past, the noon siren was the kick off for the egg hunt.)
- Inflatables are located in Van Buren Hall to use if needed.
- The Bunny will be in the bandstand area at 11 am and will be available throughout the egg hunt leaving by 1 pm or earlier if kids are gone.
- Surplus trinkets from last year's egg hunt can be given out should kids arrive late and eggs are no longer available to hunt.
- Commission members will be spread out, one by sidewalk directing kids, others members behind the house directing the kids to the appropriate age group area. All Commission members are available to take part in this event.
- The Library will also be holding other activities for drop-ins.

Family Pride Celebration - in partnership with the Library - Saturday, June 4th at 1:15 pm - Village Square (Commission members to meet at 12:30 pm) - A. van Moessner - Event Planner

- The event starts out at the library where the kids will be making a flag prior to arriving at the Village Square.
- A. van Moessner is seeking out a volunteer DJ, if anyone knows if someone may be interested please contact A. van Moessner. If no DJ, M. Plakias to bring his amp for music streaming.
- With a limited budget of \$100, A. van Moessner spoke with Renee Shur about the possibility of getting local businesses involved. A. van Moessner to talk with D. Waterston/Morning Bird regarding a special menu for the event, OK Pantry, Broad St. Bagels who may be able to make rainbow bagels (C. Salazar to make contact), and the Library for a baked goods table with funds received going to a local charity.
- Possibility of having a bike parade, provide props to put on bikes.
- A rainbow balloon arch was discussed along with the possibility of getting a helium tank that could be used for multiple events. D. Weir offered to look into renting a helium tank.
- A banner is also another consideration should somebody be interested in creating.
- D. Weir mailed out to all the local business the Recreation Commission's calendar of events for the remaining year.
- A. van Moessner to connect M. Plakias with D. Waterston to assist with decorating for the event.

- Reminder from D. Weir - road block stands will need to be removed and placed behind the bandstand once the event is over.

Juneteenth Event - in partnership with the Library - Saturday, June 18th - Rothermel Park - A. van Moessner - Event Planner

- D. Dellehunt to send A. van Moessner Little League contact info.
- The Library is handling the speaker for the event.
- Commission members will be needed to promote event prior to and hand out refreshments and direct traffic at the event.

Community Night Update

Saturday - September 17th - Rothermel Park

- M. Plakias has locked in Taco Diablo's Food Truck and C. Salazar to contact Yummy Kitchen Food Truck. Another food vendor will be needed to lock in this month, M. Plakias offered to reach out. Little League is a possibility if unable to find another food vendor, D. Dellehunt will be the contact if Little League is needed. All food trucks need to be inspected and meet code in order to cook/serve out of their trucks. Code Enforcement Officer, P. Bujanow, to inspect food trucks when they arrive on site.
- Rock wall has been locked in.
- Pony Rides & Petting Zoo - D. Weir has reached out and left voice mail message. D. Dellehunt noted that Ed Hamilton also has brought ponies over in the past and he may be another available contact.
- Acoustic Rye - D. Weir stated the agreement has been signed.
- Stewarts - D. Weir has received confirmation for the ice cream sundaes.
- Photo Booth - depending on price, or possibly have another type of activity in its place.
- Face painting or caricature drawing - would be a big hit, but, may result in a long line and not everybody may be able to take advantage. D. Weir to contact Michelle VanAllen who has done caricature drawings in the past. Possibly having multiple people doing face painting/caricature drawing will move the line along much quicker, S. Eigenbrodt to search out and get prices. The Girl Scouts is another possibility.
- D. Dellehunt offered to head up the games.
- Samascott's - Jake Samascott has agreed to provide cider, C. Salazar to follow-up closer to the date. Cups will be needed.
- D. Weir to check with Michelle VanAllen who may be interested in providing food as a vendor.
- S. Eigenbrodt noted that bags purchased at Hannaford for cotton candy worked much better than using the sticks for the cotton candy.
- S. Eigenbrodt to check on a sand art table.
- A. van Moessner to check on mini-golf and Two by Two Zoo.
- D. Weir to reach out to the State Troopers re: ID Kits and Canine Unit

- D. Weir to reach out to Kinderhook Village Fire Chief, Matt Cohn, to request the possibility of bringing a fire truck to this event.
- Per insurance agency, no inflatables.
- A. van Moessner will send out a list of last year’s counselors who had applied and request they be contacted this year to see if they are interested. Commission members stated they would make contact.

Fire Truck Day - Rothermel Park

- D. Weir to reach out to Kinderhook Village Fire Chief, Matt Cohn, to lock in a date in August, either the 6th or the 20th for the Fire Truck Day at Rothermel Park.
- The Recreation Commission provides bottled water for this event.

Budget Items

Hat Update - the result of the Commission members survey for hat color was tangerine, unfortunately that color is sold out. The next winning color is forest green, which is available. A. van Moessner brought a sample hat with design showing “Village of Kinderhook Recreation Commission” on the front. A tax id form will need to be provided and once product and invoice is received, payment will be made.

Request for a motion be made to roll over remaining budget funds to the special playground savings account for the new budget, fiscal year 2022-23.

Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.

D. Weir will bring forward a resolution at the May meeting of the Village Board requesting same.

New Business:

Alcohol Permit in Rothermel Park


D. Weir to send email to Mayor, Village Trustees along with New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) regarding alcohol in the park. The code book does not allow on Village property. There may be the possibility of one time use, D. Weir to research and contact Mike in Chatham since Chatham has had events with a roped off area designated for this purpose. Insurance certificate and guidelines would need to be established and approved by the Village Attorney and insurance agency.

Other:

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022. The Commission agreed to meet in person.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Moved: D. Dellehunt; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.



Jacqueline Bujanow,
Secretary, Recreation Commission