

**Village of Kinderhook  
Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2023**

**Village Hall**

- Present:** Amber Van Moessner, Peter Santamaria, Richard Byrne, Mark Plakias, and Dorene Weir - Village Trustee Liaison
- Absent:** Cammy Salazar, Publicity Officer, Shannon Eigenbrodt, Dave Dellhunt and Desiree Strong (alternate)
- Call to order:** Chairperson VanMoessner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
- Minutes:** Mark Plakis moved to approve the regular meeting minutes seconded by Richard Byrne all were in favor, no members opposed. The motion was approved.
- Correspondence:** None
- Trustee Liaison:** **Senior Advisory Panel-** The panel is going well, Scott Bendett wants to do a town hall with the seniors to gather information he could bring back to the panel is holding a cabin fever day, with games.
- Northern Neighbors of Columbia County-** The group would like the Recreation Commission to co sponsor the events held by the group. This group hosts movies with transportation offered free of charge. This would not come at a cost to the commission. Peter Santamaria made a motion to co sponsor the events seconded by Chairperson Van Moessner all were in favor, none opposed.
- Candle Light Night-** The event went very well, the toy drive was incredibly successful. They had food vendors at the event.
- Old Business:** **Summer Program** Chairperson Van Moessner expressed interest in a full day summer program with an offer to nonresidents at an additional cost. Chairperson Van Moessner spoke with the Mayor about the idea of opening the camp registration to families outside the village. The Mayor is not in favor of that option. The number of counselors will relate to the number of applicants, the application process may need to be altered to ensure we do not over hire for the position. Chairperson Van Moessner made a motion to recommend the camp session run from July 8, 2024- August 16, 2024 seconded by Mark Plakias all were in favor, none opposed.
- NYF Update** the ask for Rothermel Park has been increased, NYS wanted to see a broad range of projects.

**New Business: 2024 Calendar**

March 30, 2024 Bunny Hop Jerry Callahan attended the meeting to ask that the Commission consider restoring the traditional name of the Easter Egg Hunt and to bring it to the attention of the Village Board of Trustees. The Chairperson explained that the intent was to keep it secular, the Commission agreed this is an item worth discussing.

The commission will look to partner with the library on the Juneteenth celebration.

June 29, 2024 Pride Day Celebration

The group discussed moving summer jam to May 17th, May 31st or June on a Friday evening.

July 27th or August 10th Fire Truck Day Dorene will ask the Fire Chief

September 14th Community Night

October 26th Halloween

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Van Moessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm seconded by Peter Santamaria all were in favor, none opposed.

**Next meeting:** January 8, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Melanie Brodowski, Secretary to the Recreation Commission