

**Village of Kinderhook**  
**Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting - September 14, 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**Present:** Lynn Clark, Shannon Eigenbrodt, Angie Hickman, Valerie Spensieri - Chair,  
Dorene Weir

**Other:** Robert Baumeister - Village Trustee Liaison, Jennifer Ose-MacDonald

**Absent:** Dave Dellehunt

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm.

**Minutes:** Motion made to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2020.  
Moved: V. Spensieri; Second: L. Clark. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Email received from Jennifer Ose-MacDonald volunteering her assistance in the assessment of playground equipment, planning, and future equipment purchases.

**New Business:** Budget Update - Review of the Recreation Commission's budget for the Playground, Community Events, and the Summer Program were discussed as a result of recent budget adjustments.

Community Night Update - Unable to hold event this year due to COVID-19. D. Weir notified vendors of event cancellation. Vendors are interested in participation in the 2021 Community Night event and request they be notified as soon as a date is established. Possible dates were discussed at tonight's meeting and August 28, 2021 was recommended with September 11, 2021 as a backup date. D. Weir to see if the Rock Climbing Wall and Jack Bogarski/DJ are available for August 28th. If so, the other vendors will need to be contacted.

Village Fall Bulletin - The Village Deputy Clerk has requested the information contained in the Fall 2019 Village Bulletin for the Recreation Commission be updated for the Fall 2020 Bulletin and updates returned to her by September 18, 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the inability to run the Summer Programs and other Community events, the only contribution to the bulletin at this time would be to promote the Halloween Event. S. Eigenbrodt to update the bulletin and submit to the Deputy Clerk, Carol Vandenburg.

Halloween Event - Discussion was had regarding the reading of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”. KBPA (Kinderhook Business & Professionals Association) is planning to have the reading at the Vanderpoel House on Saturday, October 31st, possibly at noon or 1:00 pm, time to be determined. Some members of the Rec Commission had thought of possibly having the Rec Commission’s Halloween Event after the reading, to tie the two events together. D. Dellehunt who takes the lead role each year in organizing the Rec Commission’s Halloween event, had suggested a “drive-thru” Halloween Event at Rothermel Park around 6 pm, to take the place of door to door trick-or-treating during this COVID-19 period. A list of suggestions/ideas were presented and included in the meeting documents for the “drive-thru” Halloween Event. Some members of the Rec Commission would not be able to participate in the “drive-thru” Halloween Event if held at 6 pm but could assist in the afternoon with set-up. Planning and finalizing this event to occur at next month’s meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 12th. Mayor Dunham and D. Weir visited Rothermel Park and it was determined that vehicle traffic for the “drive-thru” could easily move through in one direction.

Possible Social Distancing Activities - At this time with restrictions for COVID-19 still in place, aside from the “drive-thru” Halloween Event, there are no other activities planned for the remainder of the year.

Playground Equipment Assessment - A number of Rec Commission members visited the playground to assess the equipment and forwarded their findings via email to all Commission members. R. Baumeister requested V. Spensieri forward a copy to him since he had not received their assessments. The Village had previously received information on possible grant funding which D. Weir followed-up on. D. Weir spoke with the company’s regional sales manager for our area (equipment previously purchased from them before) and he will forward 5 catalogs to the Village, one for each of the Commission members. He also reminded D. Weir that if purchases are ordered through the Office of General Services/NYS, an additional discount can be obtained. D. Weir also talked with the Town of Colonie Recreation Department and they offered to share their process in obtaining grants for playground equipment.

Jennifer Ose-MacDonald sent an email earlier today regarding the playground and spoke to the Commission members during the Zoom meeting tonight reiterating her earlier email as noted in “correspondence” above. V. Spensieri to forward J. Ose-MacDonald the emails regarding the assessment of the playground equipment by the Commission members and will give her one of the playground equipment catalogs. J. Ose-MacDonald also requested the grant information from D. Weir.

**Old Business:**

Banner - “National Senior Citizens Day” banner was hung on the bandstand to acknowledge the Village’s senior residents. The banner, designed by D. Weir,

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purchased by the Rec Commission received favorable comments. This banner is reusable and will be displayed each year. Cost \$335.96.

Summer Program Guidelines - Draft to be reviewed in January.

ByLaws - Review and updates in January.

V. Spensieri suggested the Recreation Commission not meet in November and December due to the holidays. Resume in January for Summer Program Guidelines and ByLaws review. February and March meeting discussions will be on the Budget and Easter (Easter is early in 2021).

Next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.l

Motion made to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Moved: V. Spensieri; Second: L. Clark. Motion carried.

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Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary  
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