

**Village of Kinderhook  
Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting - December 13, 2021  
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 November 8, 2021. Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Letter of Interest received via email from Cammy Salazar for the open seat on the Recreation Commission. Kinderhook Village Board appointed C. Salazar at their December meeting to the open seat. C. Salazar officially begins her term this evening with the Recreation Commission, welcome Cammy.

**Old Business:** **Candlelight Night Update:**

- Great turnout, raffle and tree lighting countdown a success, overall lighting could be improved and in particular lighting on Mr. & Mrs. Santa, and possibly have local children sing Christmas carols with a song leader. Toys for Tots was also a success.
- D. Weir will be meeting with the KBA, Mayor, and Renee Shur to discuss the event and improvements that can be made for next year's event.

**Playground Budget Proposal**

- A. van Moessner previously sent Commission members a playground proposal for review and discussion at tonight's meeting, discussion as follows:
  - Budget: \$18,000 - \$20,000 available to spend on equipment
  - Grant: Awaiting word on the potential of a grant award

- Equipment Proposal: Chaos Climber - \$7,116 and Tapered Tower - \$5,610 which can be added on to the existing Miracle structure. Also for consideration the Tri-Totter - \$3,050 to replace the existing see-saws. The Generation Swing - \$949 could replace the swing set. Total equipment discussed is approximately \$18,500 plus installation and shipping costs. Kinderhook Village DPW may be able to assist with installation.
  - To accommodate additional age groups/adults, the Invigorate Strider - \$3,641 was recommended.
  - Possibility of a fundraiser this summer through the Kinderhook Library on behalf of the Recreation Commission for playground equipment, potential to increase the budget for equipment purchases.
  - A. van Moessner met with the Kinderhook Library and they are interested in donating from their budget a piece of equipment geared to adults, the Invigorate Strider or the Concerto Chimes are possibilities.
  - Possibly conduct a survey within the Village to receive feedback from the residents of what they would like to see.
  - Some equipment is 40+ years old, many equipment pieces not up to code. Equipment purchases would replace existing, increase accessibility, and increase use by various age groups.
  - Vendor contact will be needed once equipment pieces are decided upon and to receive updated cost/installation/shipping amounts prior to presenting request to the Village Board for their approval. Verification of DPW's and/or community involvement in installation will also need clarification by the vendor in order to retain equipment warranties.
  - Discussion was had on other possible playground equipment, in particular the swings. Not all equipment in the proposal represented equipment previously viewed and discussed.
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- A. van Moessner to send Commission members links to different websites for their review. Commission members are requested to review other possible equipment choices they may have and to give their feedback to A. van Moessner by December 22nd.
  - Commission members should also be prepared to make a decision on equipment purchases at the January meeting in order to move the process forward.

### **2022 Events Calendar**

- A. van Moessner would like to build a relationship with the Kinderhook Library, co-produce events as opposed to competing events, and co-publicize events via emails, newsletters, social media, etc.

- A. van Moessner sent the following Recreation Commission calendar for review and discussion:

Month/2022	Event
<b>February</b>	Budget Camp Planning
<b>March</b>	Budget Camp Hiring
<b>April</b>	Spring Egg Hunt Event - House of History or Playground - 4/16 (2,000 eggs) Photos w/Bunny in Gazebo (Elks)
<b>June</b>	NYS Grant Applications
	Juneteenth Event/Library (6/18 or 6/25) - actual holiday is June 19-20, but, 6/19 is Father's Day - Pavilion
	Pride Event - With Library Drag Queen Story Hour
<b>July</b>	Yoga in the Park - 7/14 or 7/21 (Thurs PM?) Pavilion
	Movie Night/Library
	Music in the Park/Library - 7/28 or 8/4, Pavilion
	Summer Camp - 7/11 - 8/19
<b>August</b>	Fire Truck Day - 8/6 or 8/20
	Summer Camp - 7/11 - 8/19
<b>September</b>	Fall Fest/Library - Pavilion - 9/17
<b>October</b>	Halloween Event/Library - 10/29
<b>December</b>	Holiday Event - 12/3 or 12/10

Motion made to approve the Recreation Commission Calendar, February, March, and April, 2022 as presented above.

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

- A. van Moessner met with the Director, AnnaLee, to discuss upcoming events.
  - The Library is interested in funding the Juneteenth Event, acknowledging the cemetery adjacent to the playground. The Library has a connection with the Underground Railroad Museum in Albany, possibly have a speaker and a story trail around the playground relating to the event and history of the cemetery.

- Possibly partnering with the Library in a dance party or mini-parade for a Pride Event in the Village Square.
  - Movie nights in the park, Library would fund the bulk of the expense and the Recreation Commission could contribute with a concession area, popcorn, refreshments, etc.
  - The Library would like to have a reading activity with the Summer Campers.
  - The Library would also like to sponsor an activity at the Fall Fest.
  - The Library would like to have a direct partnership with the Halloween Event.
  - In addition, grants could be an additional benefit by partnering with the Library.
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- In a brief discussion regarding Summer Camp, C. Salazar offered to assist with the Dept of Health packet required to conduct the summer camp since she is currently the camp director at Flying Deer and is familiar with the documents. D. Weir noted that David Yates who is the health person for the Town's Summer Camp agreed to be the Village's health person for the Village's Summer Camp, meeting the Dept of Health's requirement. D. Weir will be working with Barbara Berger, Town's Summer Camp Director, to assist in getting the Village's program up and running per the requirements.
  - Since the Recreation Commission now has 6 of the 7 seats filled, D. Weir will now step back from a great number of things she has been doing for the Recreation Commission in the absence of its members. Thank you to Dorene for all she has contributed in order for the Recreation Commission to continue its mission during lean times! D. Weir remains as the Liaison between the Village Board and the Recreation Commission. Also noted, a Publicity Officer is still needed for the Commission if anybody is interested. C. Salazar will consider the Publicity Officer position. One seat still remains open on the Commission, please spread the word.
  - Discussion was had regarding documentation/procedures/budgeting for each event, helpful to new members and the Commission as a whole. A. van Moessner suggested a "team captain" or "point person" to take ownership of an event, secure vendors early, delegate duties, establish budgets, etc. This would allow a team approach and not the same person handling all events. In addition, documenting the process for each event would make it easier for future event planning.

- D. Weir will obtain the budget dollars expended for each event in preparation for our upcoming budget planning meeting.
- D. Weir noted that the DPW will be installing a bigger and more useful sink in the office at the Park, utility size sink. The addition of cabinets will also be installed.
- Sandwich board sign has been received and which will be valuable for advertising Commission events.

**New Business:** None

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:28 pm.

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

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Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary  
Recreation Commission