

**Village of Kinderhook
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024
Village Hall**

Present: Amber Van Moessner, Peter Santamaria, Richard Byrne, Mark Plakias, Cammy Salazar, Dorene Weir – Village Trustee Liaison, Seth Agata, Joseph Ruorro, Isabella Ruorro, Adreanna Limbach, Astrid Montagano, Bevis Zotaj, Sabine Murphy, Quinn Murphy, Nicole Heeder, and Marcel Parrilla.

Absent: Shannon Eigenbrodt, Dave Dellehunt, and Desiree Strong (Alternate)

Call to Order: Chairperson Van Moessner called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Minutes: Mark Plakias moved to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Chairperson Van Moessner, and passed with all in favor and no opposition.

Correspondence: None

Trustee Liaison: None

Old Business: **Community Night** Chairperson Van Moessner reported reaching out to several vendors and entertainers for the upcoming Community Night. An update was given on the availability of Tacos diablos, Romos Pizza, DJ Jared, Oyster Party and Climb Time. Climb Time has been locked in for the event from 4:30-7:30PM. Consideration was given to reaching out to additional food truck vendors to ensure variety and participation.

New Business: **Camp Update** Cammy Salazar reached out to Cailey from the Columbia County Department of Health and confirmed that the safety plan for extreme heat, and camp cancellation is determined by the village. Queries were made into meeting with the library to possibly use their community room. There are two registered campers, and we expect others will be coming in. No counselor applications have been received. An upcoming flyer was proposed to enhance the available job opportunities. This will be created by Cammy Salazar and the village office will distribute via email blast and social media platforms.

Juneteenth Richard Byrne reached out to Matt at the Kinderhook Memorial Library to discuss collaboration with the recreation commission on a Juneteenth event. They mentioned having it on the Saturday before the holiday, at the same time as the farmers' market. An informational table would be setup at the market, and possibly a performance or story telling would be provided by local artists.

Pride Chairperson Van Moessner has been in contact with the new leadership at the Ichabod Crane pride club. The club is willing to help in any way that they can at their event this year.

Public Comment Changing the “Easter Egg Hunt” to “Bunny Hop Egg Hunt” The public comment session hosted a robust discussion on the renaming of the Easter Egg Hunt to Bunny Hop Egg Hunt. Attendees debated the implications of the name change, with concerns for inclusivity and tradition. Various community members voiced their sentiments on whether the name should remain associated with Easter or be secularized. Seth Agata, Isabella Ruorro, Adreanna Limbach, and Marcel Parrilla were all in favor of keeping the Bunny Hop Egg Hunt. Astrid Montagano, Sabine Murphy, and Quinn Murphy were all in favor of changing the name back to Easter Egg Hunt. Chairperson Van Moessner emphasized the importance of creating a perception that the event is non-denominational and open to all. A motion was made by Mark Plakias to rebrand the Easter Egg Hunt to Bunny Hop Egg Hunt

maintaining an inclusive, secular presentation, seconded by Chairperson Van Moessner, passed with all in favor and no opposition.

Summer Jam Mark Plakias has been in touch with some bands and would like to hire Soul Provider at \$500.00 for the Summer Jam concert this year. Chairperson Van Moessner asked him to book them.

Bilingual Communication Marcel Parrilla of 27 Chatham Street proposed bilingual communication within the village to ensure inclusivity for non-English speaking residents. This topic was not voted on but was shared as part of efforts to foster an inclusive community environment.

Adjournment: Chairperson Van Moessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51PM, seconded by Richard Byrne, passed with all in favor and no opposition.

Next meeting: March 11, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kristy Silvia, interim secretary to the Recreation Commission