

Town of River Bend
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes January 10. 2024
Meeting 6:15pm

Beth Stokes
2/7/24

Members present: Laurie LaMotte, Richard LaMotte, Beth Stokes, Amy Hendee, Annie Craddock

Members absent: Kathy Noonan

Others present: Liaison Jeff Weaver, Janet Nawojski, Barbara Maurer, Don Fogle & Mrs. Fogle, Larry Fischer, Deb Gazey, Amy Anueber, Victoria Stuppy

Meeting called to order by Laurie LaMotte at 6:15pm.

Meeting minutes from 12/6/2023 approved. Motion by Laurie LaMotte. Seconded by Amy Hendee. Approved by all members present.

Board vacancy applications – Amy Anueber, Deborah Gazey & Victoria Stuppy were present for the meeting. Each spoke for a few minutes to introduce themselves. The present board members voted by Ballot. 3 votes for Victoria Stuppy, 2 votes for Deborah Gazey. Recommendation will be for Victoria Stuppy to join the board will be submitted to Town Council.

Richard LaMotte: Victoria Stuppy
Laurie LaMotte: Victoria Stuppy
Annie Craddock: Deborah Gazey
Amy Hendee: Deborah Gazey
Beth Stokes: Victoria Stuppy

Blood Drive – Scheduled for 1/27/2024. Will keep pushing out communication for people to sign up online. The goal is to have at least 25 people to sign up. There is a 10 person minimum to hold the event. Laurie LaMotte will open the doors at 9am. Event starts at 10. We will need to set up 6 tables and 15 chairs. Amy Hendee & Laurie LaMotte will cover from 9 – 11. Annie Craddock & Beth Stokes will cover from 11 – 2. Flyers have to be redone with the correct address. Laurie will handle getting them updated.

Parks Project – This topic is tabled at this time. We will be scheduling a special meeting for this discussion on 1/24/24. Motion was made by Laurie LaMotte to table this discussion until 1/24/24. Seconded by Annie Craddock. Approved by all present members.

RB P & R Facebook page proposal will be completed by February per Annie Craddock.

The remaining budget is \$3,118.82 until the end of June 2024.

Ideas for upcoming events –

Valentine's Day – Card making class. Possibly 2/3/2024 – Laurie LaMotte motioned for approval. Seconded by Richard LaMotte. Approved by all present members.

Ghent Parade – RB P&R will not participate in the parade this year.

Point Sheets – Laurie is almost done with them.

Easter 3/31/2024 – Possibly to Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 3/23/24. Will need to organize the egg hunt by age group. Cookie decorating possible. We will schedule a special meeting to discuss and plan for this event. We will need volunteers to help. Motion by Laurie LaMotte. Seconded by Annie Craddock. Approved by all present members.

Mother's Day – 5/12/2024 – One idea was to have a tea party for mothers. Amy Hendee will be the point person for this event.

Father's Day – 6/16/2024 – Will discuss at a later meeting.

4th of July – Discussion tabled until a later date. Town Council leads this event. They will decide when this event takes place, on July 4th or the Saturday following the 4th. P & R will assist with this event.

Other ideas mentioned-

1k or 5k walk/run in RB. Glow run possibly.

Movies in the park.

International Night Out.

Public Discussion –

Dan Fogle – Suggested P & R doing smaller events. He stated, "Think smaller, we don't need 1000 people to show for an event, we need variety". He said we needed events that can include all ages in River Bend, including the elderly. He did request a Scrabble Game night. If possible, before July 1st. Another idea was to have a free throw contest at the basketball courts.

Larry Fischer – Very interested is volunteering for the Parks project. He offered his skills in drawing plans for the parks.

One questions that came up is the old Public Works building and what the plans are for this building. Of course, we did not have the answer to this question. Pickle Ball courts did get brought up again as something people would like to see in River Bend.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18pm. Motion by Laurie LaMotte. Seconded by Amy Hendee. Approved by all present members.