

**River Bend Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2024**  
**Municipal Building**

Board Members Present: Laurie LaMotte, Amy Hendee, Beth Stokes, Annie Craddock, Victoria Stuppy

Others: Janet Nawojski, Barbara Maurer

Laurie LaMotte called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM with a quorum present.

Ms. LaMotte motioned to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024. Beth Stokes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

As none of the candidates that submitted Board applications were present, Ms. LaMotte motioned to continue to review applications. Amy Hendee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

An overview of survey results was shared by Victoria Stuppy with the written presentation to follow before the May 2 Budget Meeting. Ms. LaMotte requested that the survey summary be completed by April 15 so that Councilman Jeff Weaver could review prior to the April 18 Town Council meeting. Ms. Stokes and Ms. Stuppy will follow up with Larry Fischer to coordinate his recommendations.

Ms. LaMotte shared positive feedback from the Easter Egg Hunt and recommended some changes to include creating clearer boundaries between age groups. The board also discussed minimizing the time in between group starting times and Annie Craddock proposed starting with the egg hunt which may help with the staggered start times.

Ms. Hendee shared that there are 15 participants signed up for Board Game Day and also updated the group on the Mother's Day Tea plans. Sarah Tellis, Aegean Med Spa, will conduct a mindfulness demo and mothers will have the opportunity to create sugar scrubs. Attitudes will provide fare.

Ms. Craddock provided an update for the Father's Day event sharing that she contacted BrÜtopia and since they have liability insurance, the town can forgo applying for permits. She is working out the specifics and will update the board prior to the next meeting, however, she will not be able to attend the event on June 8.

Ms. LaMotte recommended the Board look at adding another event in late June, either music or movies in the park. It was agreed that the Board would look into costs and feasibility of holding an event with a tentative date of June 29.

Ms. LaMotte opened the floor for comments and Councilwoman Maurer recommended that since CAC was also working on a social media proposal, it would be practical to present a joint proposal for one site to reflect the work of both groups. The board agreed and Ms. Craddock and Mary Ann Taylor, CAC, will collaborate on a proposal. A discussion ensued regarding allowing comments on the site. No decision was reached, but will be addressed in the final presentation.

Ms. Hendee proposed having an ongoing project/event that would bring out residents' inner artist and enable community building. She discussed painting rocks and placing them around town as other communities have done. Ms. LaMotte suggested that we consider creating one large installation that can be added to over time. Ms. Hendee and Ms. Craddock agreed to work on a plan.

There being no further business, Ms. Craddock moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Stokes. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Submitted by Victoria Stuppy

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