

River Bend Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
February 5, 2025
Municipal Building

Board Members Present: Amy Hendee, Annie Knowler, Diana Pantall, Beth Stokes, Victoria Stuppy

Board Members Absent: Stephanie Viers

Others Present: Barbara Maurer, Janet Nawojski, Jeff Weaver

Victoria Stuppy called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with a quorum present.

Victoria Stuppy motioned to discuss the Secretary position. Annie Knowler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Victoria Stuppy motioned to discuss Mental Health Month. Amy Hendee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Victoria Stuppy motioned to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025. Annie Knowler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Weaver updated the Board on Council activities. He has been researching grants for playground renovation and construction. He would like to work with Parks & Recreation on a grant proposal, as part of the Capital Improvement Plan, with a deadline of October 2025 to submit for the 2026 Grant Cycle. The Council is also working to address public interest regarding the creation of pickleball courts.

Annie Knowler reviewed the recent Red Cross Blood Drive. It was a positive event. The Red Cross provided their own volunteer. Annie suggested potentially doing quarterly blood drives. The Board is planning to schedule another blood drive for June 2025.

The Board discussed rescheduling Game Night, which had been canceled due to inclement weather. Annie Knowler suggested moving the event to March 14, 2025, at 7PM, agreed upon by the Board. Amy Hendee will create the flyer.

The Board discussed the Valentine's Card Workshop on February 8, 2025. Marylou Brown will be running the event. There are 4 spots left.

The Board discussed International Night. This was initially slated for March 2025, however due to internal changes within the Board it is felt that the event should be slated for discussion later in the year.

The Board discussed the Easter Egg Hunt. Victoria Stuppy has a meeting with Kathy Noonan to discuss coordinating with the River Bend Country Club for this event. The possible dates are April 13-14, 2025. The Board will plan a logistics meeting after this.

The Board discussed the previously proposed Neighbor Block Party on May 31, 2025. The Board has decided to move this event into autumn.

Victoria Stuppy suggested doing events to commemorate Mental Health Month which is during May 2025. Amy Hendee suggested doing a Mental Health Walk featuring community mental health professionals to provide resources for residents. Victoria Stuppy also suggested doing outdoor yoga.

The Board discussed Mother's Day. The Board had discussed hosting another tea party and self-care workshop. The Board proposed May 4, 2025.

The Board discussed having food trucks come to River Bend. Annie Knowler will investigate the local food trucks for their availability.

Victoria Stuppy provided the Financial Review. There were no changes to finances for January 2025. She had emailed the Board a budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget proposal is due on February 21, 2025.

Victoria Stuppy motioned to submit a proposal for \$6,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Annie Knowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Secretary position, as Amy Hendee is leaving River Bend in March 2025. Beth Stokes volunteered to take on the position. Victoria Stuppy motioned to vote Beth Stokes in as the Board's new secretary. Annie Knowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Victoria Stuppy moved to adjourn, seconded by Annie Knowler. The meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Submitted by Amy Hendee