

Town of River Bend  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes February 7, 2024  
Meeting 6:15 pm

Members present: Laurie LaMotte, Richard LaMotte, Beth Stokes, Amy Hendee, Victoria Stuppy

Members absent: Kathy Noonan, Annie Craddock

Others present: Jeff Weaver & Barbara Maurer and Janet Nawojski

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

Laurie LaMotte motioned for the January 10th meeting minutes be approved, Beth Stokes seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Due to Kathy Noonan's illness, minutes from the January 24th meeting will be presented at our March meeting for approval.

Recap of current events – Blood drive had 34 donors. This exceeded our goal by 14. Greeting card class went very well. We had almost 20 attendees. People that attended requested another class in the future, maybe around October/November for Christmas cards.

Due to Annie Craddock's illness the Facebook page discussion was postponed.

Delane Jackson approved adding the Town Survey to the next water bill on March 8th. The Survey is complete in Google Forms. Victoria will send out the link to the committee to test and review. Written and online surveys will have a deadline of completion of 3/30/24.

Flythe donated 1 bicycle rack that fits 6 bikes. Additional racks can be purchased if needed and will be approximately \$350. Flythe did request a "Donated by" sign to be added to the rack. Which we all agreed on.

Easter Egg Hunt – March 24th - We already have a backdrop for pictures with the Easter Bunny. John Klear agreed to be our Easter Bunny. We have a good supply of plastic eggs. Laurie LaMotte will order the candy/items to go in the eggs. Laurie has reserved the entire building and Park area behind the building. Easter egg hunt will be by age group, in different areas around the park. We will need someone from P&R in each area to supervise. We will have a craft for the event, and an Easter basket craft project. Laurie LaMotte motioned for the craft to be Easter Baskets, it was seconded by Amy Hendee. It passed unanimously. We will reach out to our volunteer list for extra help that day.

The Easter Egg Hunt event will be from 2pm – 4pm. Time voted on by committee. Laurie LaMotte motioned. Beth Stokes seconded. Approved by all.

April Event Ideas were discussed. Possible International Night or a Game Night.

International Night – Amy Hendee suggested different dishes from different cultures. People would bring a dish & speak about that country or culture.

5K was discussed and suggested that a good resource to discuss what is required/needed for this is Coastal Sole.

Mother's Day Tea Party – 5/4/24 – Amy Hendee took lead on this event. Jessica Reppenning to Host. Options: (1) \$20 each, 20 person max – 2 hour tea making Class. (2) \$10 each, Jessica will bring different types of teas and P&R will provide tea like sandwiches/desserts. Event needs to be in the afternoon due to Jessica's schedule. Moms only, no children. Board unanimously voted on option #2. Proposed time by Amy Hendee is 1pm -3pm. Laurie LaMotte motioned. Seconded by Richard LaMotte. Approved by all.

Junes Father's Days – Monday, 6/8/24 – We are discussing a beer tasting with flights. Hot wings (made by a food truck or possibly Attitudes). Having a Cornhole Tournament. Annie Craddock is working on the presentation for the council since she had dealt with getting permits for these types of events before. Delane Jackson, Town Manager, stated he did not have an issue with us doing a beer/wine at the events. However, he suggested we bring a presentation to the council.

Jeff Weaver, Liaison, spoke on a couple of items:

- (1) He stated that according to the ordinance we do not have to vote on every decision. General consent across the board does not require a vote. If there is opposition, we need to vote.
- (2) Track lights – will be discussed tomorrow during the Town Council works session. Should know something by next week.
- (3) Pickle Ball Court – This may move forward before we present this idea to the town.

Laurie LaMotte motioned to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. Richard LaMotte seconded. All board members present unanimously approved.



Laurie LaMotte 3/6/24