

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

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Don Fogle, Nancy Fogle, Barbara Maurer, Janet Nawojski, Kathy Noonan, Jeff Weaver

Victoria Stuppy called the meeting to order at 6:31PM with a quorum present.

Victoria Stuppy moved to adopt the agenda. Annie Knowler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Victoria Stuppy motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025. Annie Knowler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Weaver had no updates from Town Council.

Victoria Stuppy emailed the Board the budget. Parks & Recreation is still under budget for the fiscal year.

The Board discussed social media. Victoria Stuppy and Annie Knowler have access to the Facebook page. They will share social media duties for now including creation of flyers, posting on the social media page, etc. Victoria Stuppy does want to continue brainstorming how to draw people to the Parks & Recreation social media page.

Victoria Stuppy reviewed the Card Making Workshop. There was a mismatch between people who signed up and people who attended. The Board will reassess attendance for any future workshops.

Annie Knowler provided the update for Game Night. Charburger will park by the Municipal Building and be available for River Bend residents who want to order food. She will reach out to local businesses for prizes. There will be 3 rounds of bingo. There are currently 11 RSVPs.

Victoria Stuppy and Annie Knowler met with the Town Manager regarding food trucks. The Board discussed having food trucks on Fridays with types of cuisine that do not compete with River Bend businesses. Another idea is outdoor games during the warmer months featuring different food trucks.

The Board discussed the Easter Egg Hunt. The Board is partnering with the River Bend Country Club for the egg hunt on April 19, 2025, from 2-4PM. Victoria Stuppy will work on the banner. Kathy Noonan stated that the banquet room will be open for kids' crafts. The Board will meet on April 18, 2025, with the Country Club to prepare the eggs. Victoria Stuppy proposed a logistics meeting at 6:30 PM on March 27, 2025, at the Country Club which the Board agreed upon.

The Board discussed the Mother's Day event for May 4, 2025, at noon. Annie Knowler suggested hosting a brunch versus doing another self-care/tea party event like last year. She is going to work on pricing estimates. The Board discussed involving River Bend businesses for this event.

The Board discussed Mental Health Month. Victoria Stuppy suggested doing Yoga in the Park on May 10, 2025. She will reach out to local yoga instructors and the Board will finalize the date later. Diana Pantall discussed hosting a 5K and Fun Run sometime in May. She suggested creating t-shirts for the event. Participants would sign up online and volunteers will be needed for logistics on the day of the event. She also suggested having entertainment or vendors. The Board will discuss with the Town Manager and River Bend Police Department.

The Board discussed playground equipment. Jeff Weaver is working on a presentation to Town Council regarding this topic. He has been researching capital improvement plans to come up with a submission to Town Council regarding funding for equipment. He provided example illustrations for playground equipment options. The Board will assist with recommendations as to what features should be included in the playground equipment, tailored to River Bend residents and children. Jeff Weaver suggested obtaining more community input to provide the most inclusive proposal to the Council.

Don & Nancy Fogle provided public comment. He thanked Amy Hendee for her support of Scrabble Night and for her contributions to Parks & Recreation. He suggested using the 5K to raise funds for the River Bend water plant. He shared that the River Bend Car Show will be on April 27, 2025. He also suggested doing an event involving the volleyball court, or moving the volleyball court to another part of town should the new playground equipment be moved there.

There being no further business, Amy Hendee moved to adjourn, seconded by Annie Knowler. The meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

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Submitted by Amy Hendee