

## Park and Rec Meeting Minutes

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Boelman. Present were Jessica Boelman, Nicole Bower, Mark Page, Terry Holmes, Dawn McCracken and Mike Carey.

The group reviewed minutes from our joint meeting with Farmington and gave highlights and additional details to those who couldn't attend. Discussion was had about possible joint events with Farmington. One of those events would be a Food Truck event in the Spring at Stelzel Fields. Jordan has contacts with possible vendors and will be following up with them as discussed in previous meetings.

Invisible Wounds would like to host another tournament in Empire September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They are requesting free lights and trash removal as part of their rental fee. Park and Recreation recommended this request be approved.

The committee will review trash service and pricing for the ballfields in spring 2022. Any pricing changes made would then go into effect on new contracts in 2023.

Hayden Dessner and Andrew Crisp proposed adding lights to the basketball courts at Town Hall Park. With winter approaching and darkness falling sooner, they don't have enough daylight left to play after homework and dinner. With the number of kids playing and using the courts, the committee feels this would attract even more use and benefit so many more kids. They'd like to have the lights on until 10:00 pm. Hayden even shovels the court himself in the winter so he and his friends can continue play in the winter. Mike recommended the Town Board investigate this request with our engineers for best lighting placement and solutions. All in attendance were in favor.

For the Holiday Party we will order 5 gallons of coffee, hot cocoa and apple cider. Should cider not be available, we will do 5 gallons of coffee and 7.5 gallons of cocoa. Mike will be unable to fulfill his role as Olaf this year and is looking for a replacement. We are still waiting to hear if Jill would like to play Mrs. Claus. Mike will contact Duane to coordinate pick-up of the Santa costume.

The Holiday Party set-up has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. All supplies needed should already be there. Steve has agreed to provide cookies for the event.

The meeting was adjourned.