



Park and Recreation Minutes  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jessica Boelman. Present were Jessica Boelman, Kacie Fahey, Josh Lindgren, Nicole Bower, Mark Page, Mike Carey, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

Bart Winkler, owner of the development for Deer Creek, joined us to provide a preliminary layout of the new neighborhood and outlined where the proposed trails and parks will be. As the project develops, we'll have a better idea of budget available so we can start with playground design.

Nicole recommended adding "Loose Gravel" signs to the trails until they are done repairing the pavement so that bicyclists don't wipe out unexpectedly.

The weather was unfavorable for our Fall Food Truck night however, the vendors did well enough that they were interested in coming back next year. We need to remember to have the parking lot lights on for future Fall Food truck events so the vendors can see to pack up their trucks easier. We also need to bring the counter so we can get a better idea of how many people were attending. For the spring event, we would like to offer a more diversified choice of food trucks. The tentative date for the Spring Food Truck is Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Elections will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> for a new City Council and Mayor following the Incorporation of Empire. The process will take approximately 2 weeks and the newly elected officials will tentatively be sworn in the last week of February.

The annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with set-up tentatively taking place on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Santa Claus will be played by Mark and Jessica will ask Jill if she would like to be Mrs. Claus again. Nicole and Jess will be Frozen characters. It will be determined at later date which characters will be included.

Mike will reach out to Jamie Lehmeyer to see if she'd like to continue sponsoring the cookies for the party. If she does, Jill Henning State Farm would be willing to be the cocoa sponsors.

Summer Entertainment was a hit again! With Skyview Ranch retiring we will need to find a new petting zoo to partner with next year. Next year will be our first celebration event as a city! The Committee would like to incorporate some additional fun ideas to "Celebrate Empire" as a newly recognized city.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.