

## Park and Recreation Minutes

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Carey. Present were Mike Carey, Mark Page, Kacie Fahey, Tanya Borchardt, Nicole Bower, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

Rachel Cochrane attended as an interested party in the Parks and Recreation upcoming vacancy. There was an open Q & A for her to learn more about what being a committee member would entail.

Farmington Parks & Recreation will have 2 representatives who will join the Fall Food Truck Sub-Committee. Empire has offered meeting space at City Hall. Tanya and Kacie will be our representatives on the Sub-Committee which is the first ever formed between Farmington and Empire.

The budget class was cancelled as we had no attendees sign up for either night. The ball team wrap-up meeting went well and agreed that the new scheduling method was successful. We will continue this scheduling option for the 2024 season. The safety rail on top of the outfield fences needs some repair or replacement. The recommendation of the Committee is to look into this further in the Spring.

Empire has been invited to participate in the Mayor for a Day essay contest. Dawn will create a post on Facebook with the submission details.

Park and Recreation members will meet at the Public Works building on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for the Holiday party set-up. Dawn will reach out to Jill to see if she would be interested in joining us as Mrs. Claus again this year. Mike will be our snowman if available and if not, Kacie will be our snowman. Nicole will be an elf and Kacie is also willing to be an elf if not needed as a snowman. Tanya will be an alternate if there is need. Tanya has 2 teen volunteers who will offer Face Painting as an activity this year. Dawn will order 5 gallons of coffee and 10 gallons of hot chocolate from Blue Nose Coffee. Mark will contact farmer Aaron with Brand Farms about hot cider for the event. Kacie recommended adding a few tables for parents to set things on during the party. Mark will bring speakers for

the Christmas movies and we'll confirm with Josh that he is able to bring his laptop again to play them.

Dawn is coordinating Spring food truck vendors for the May 17<sup>th</sup> event. She will confirm them then let us know as they are available.

The meeting was adjourned.