

Park and Recreation Minutes

March 11th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacey Fahey. Present were Kacey Fahey, Mark Page, Tanya Borchardt, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

The committee discussed our upcoming joint meeting with Farmington Park and Recreation. Farmington has offered the use of their city van to transport Empire and Farmington Park and Recreation members to various parks, trails, and/or facilities within our communities. Specific locations to stop at will be determined at a later date. The recommendation for the joint meeting to be held is May 22nd from 6-8 pm.

Entertainers, for our summer entertainment series, were discussed. Dawn will reach out to the committee approved entertainers to secure for the designated dates. The summer entertainment dates for 2024 will be June 9th, June 23rd, July 14th, July 28th, August 1st for our annual Empire Celebration, as well as August 25th for our final entertainment for the summer with the Farmington High School marching band. Additional information about each event will be provided closer to the date of the performance.

Possible activities and entertainment for our annual Empire Celebration were discussed. Dawn will reach out to the committee recommended entertainment to secure them for the August 1st date. Additional details of the event will be discussed at future meetings. Some regular attendees may need to have their usual locations changed at the event. This is due to possible weight limit restrictions that may be in place from the completion of a new City Hall parking lot. The possible need for restrictions will be further determined depending on the anticipated completion date of the parking lot project.

Jenna Calhoun, a member of the Farmington Rotary Club, has reached out to Dawn regarding possible ways the club may be able to partner with Empire on volunteer opportunities. The Park and Recreation Committee has made a recommendation to invite a member of the Farmington Rotary Committee to a parks meeting to tell us more about the organization. Dawn will reach out to Jenna to see if the Rotary may be interested in helping with our Earth Day trail clean up event on April 20th from 10-12.