

Park and Recreation Minutes

5/13/2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacie Fahey. Present were Kacie Fahey, Josh Lindgren, Tanya Borchardt, Mark Page, Nicole Bower and Dawn McCracken.

Guest Rachel Cochrane attended the meeting to discuss the potential of hosting a Farmer's Market in Empire. Stelzel Fields were inquired about, but they are unavailable due to weekday team practices and weekend tournaments. Other locations discussed were the City Hall parking lot which may not be large enough. In addition, the Public Works parking lot was discussed but there were liability concerns that would need to be explored. Sachs Park may be a viable option with its green space. It was also recommended that perhaps Rachael may want to reach out to Hope Church who had previous interest in hosting a Farmer's Market in their parking lot. Dawn will discuss legal and liability concerns with Charlie then send updated information to Rachael.

Park and Recreation members signed up for their volunteer shifts for the food truck event this week that will be held at Stelzel Fields. The American Legion requested the ability to sell poppies at the event and it was approved.

The Committee made an official recommendation to accept Abraham Morales and Amanda Stender's applications for the current vacancies.

A young author in Empire requested a table at one of our summer events in order to talk with other young people about being an author, the process, her book etc. Dawn will extend an invitation, on behalf of the committee, for Sunday June 23rd at our Summer Entertainment event.

The Town Hall flower beds need to be weeded and maintained long term. The committee will be dedicating a future meeting to assist in this process. A recommendation was made to bring this to City Council for possible paid options as steady volunteers would most likely be difficult. The committee recommends the City Council discuss and execute a plan to maintain the areas.

The meeting was adjourned.