

Park and Rec Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Carey at 7:00 pm.

Present were Mike Carey, Nicole Bower, Mark Page, Jordan Johnson, Terry Holmes, and Charles Seipel-Teng.

It was reported that Empire Township was awarded the Outdoor Recreation Grant that was applied for back in March. The Township will be working with the DNR for initial next steps. The grant contract should be completed in the fall with the project taking place sometime in 2022.

Park & Rec Members continue to follow up with their assigned vendors and duties for the Town Celebration. The event is coming together nicely. Jordan will check with HyVee on potato salad. Otherwise, we can get it from Sam's Club. We need roasters. Will get liners for the roasters.

"Special Thanks" signs will be made in house and posted next to stations supported by donors to recognize their contributions.

A review of the checklist for the Town Celebration was completed. The shopping items and duties were updated.

There were concerns about residents setting up rental equipment in the parks, such as bouncy houses. Bouncy houses are not permitted for liability reasons. Jordan will check the Apple Valley ordinances to see how they outline these types of scenarios. The shelter house rental form should be updated to specify things not permitted.

Discussion was held on the possibility of holding outdoor movie nights. Movie rights would need to be purchased for public events. The Committee should check with the Farmington Park & Rec. to see how they handle this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.