

Park and Recreation Minutes

August 1st, 2024

Chair Kacie Fahey called the meeting to order. Present were Kacie Fahey, Mark Page, Tanya Borchardt, Amanda Stender, AB Morales, Nicole Bower, Danny Rubio, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

2024 Celebration was a success! Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to help make this event so wonderful.

We received great feedback on the new face painting and balloon artists. Starting the food at 4:30 pm helped keep the line moving quickly with no delays. Overall, everything went smoother than in past years.

We'll need to order even less beans next year as we still had 2-3 cans worth of leftovers. Potato salad was empty by the end so a good quantity for next year. The face painting area will need wet wipes and a trash can. We will also need hand sanitizer for the petting zoo, jump houses, nametag station and face paint areas.

Having an information booth next to the food station was a perfect place. Since Bolten-Menk won't be here next year, we'll brainstorm next year what to put in that area. It was suggested to have some sort of activity or information station also near the face painting for those waiting in line to look at.

Next year, the deputies will park their cars on the road since people are driving through the barricades. We also need to place some trash cans toward the front of the picnic tables.

AB recommended use of the basketball and pickleball courts next year. Ideas discussed were possibly bags, 3-point shot contest, pickleball lessons or horse game. "Card my Yard" is interested in donating a custom sign to be used at Celebration next year. This would be great additional signage.

We had 15 cases of water, 2.5 packages of hamburgers, 5 packages of hotdogs (3 were already cooked) 4 boxes of chips left over and approximately 100 juice boxes.

We may want to consider moving the dance area under a tent on the sport courts to fit more kids and make it breathable as it got hot under the picnic shelter.

Balloons at each station and more signage were recommended to ensure attendees could easily spot activities. It was also recommended for additional signage to let community members know everything is free.

The library had 150+ kids come in and visit their booth. They were very pleased with the turnout and really enjoyed hosting the horse game.

The joint Park and Rec meeting with Farmington will be Tuesday, August 6th from 6-8 pm and will begin at Empire City Hall. There will be no additional meetings in August. The next big event will be Sunday, August 25th with the FHS band. All available Parks and Rec. members should plan on arriving at 4:30. The meeting was adjourned.