

Park and Recreation Minutes

August 3rd, 2023

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

Celebration was a huge success! Numbers were up this year with 614 plates used! Suggestions for next year were to start grilling earlier to cut down on the food lines. It was also recommended to have a small generator in that area for roasters or to have sternnos to keep food warmer.

A few of the vendors arrived late this year due to traffic despite our best efforts to coordinate them arriving early. We will discuss this next year as we're inviting vendors back. There are a few local people who may be interested in participating next year as an alternative option to current balloon and face painters.

Having the Farmington Library was a hit! We'd love to have them back next year. The new petting zoo was also great. The alpaca was especially loved! The K-9 demonstrations drew a large crowd and the firefighters climbing the ladder did as well. Having a large presence from the Sherriff's department was wonderful as usual. It gives our community a wonderful way to interact with officers from the department. They will be sending footage to us from the drones they used during Celebration.

All went well with the horse game, bounce houses and Nitti. The new Schwan's rep did a great job. Blue Nose went through our entire order and only had a single cup of tea left over at the end. The DJ did a great job keeping the kids entertained and engaged in activities all night.

Ryan Labrash requested use of Stelzel Fields parking lot on 10/14/2023 for a bags tournament and food trucks. They would cover trash removal and delivery/pickup of portable toilets. As long as the proper permits for the food trucks are applied for, the Committee has approved the use of space.

The meeting was adjourned.