

## **Park and Rec Meeting Minutes August 5, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Carey at 8:45 pm.

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

It was a great Empire Celebration with nice weather. Not too hot and the rain held off. We estimated approximately 530 attendees. This was down from 2019. The Commission estimated that this may be due to COVID concerns and the number of people on vacation.

Next year face painting, tattoos, and balloons need more separation to keep the lines organized and moving quickly. We should use the dividers from the PW Building.

The kids really enjoyed the obstacle course that was set up with the Sheriff's Department and SWAT Team. We should ask if they can bring that back again.

In the future, it would be great if all Empire volunteers make it a point to thank the vendors in person. It gets our name out there and invites them back in the future.

There was leftover water, buns, beans and chips. The water and chips can be given out at Sunday Entertainment that will feature the band. Next year we will need more potato salad and ice.

Jessica will post information on the FB Page about the Story Walk Contest.

The new t-shirts look great!

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.