

Park and Recreation Minutes

September 9th, 2024

Chair Kacie Fahey called the meeting to order. Present were Kacie Fahey, Mark Page, Amanda Stender, Josh Lindgren, Nicole Bower, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

Dawn researched the Fix-It app for residents to report non-emergency items throughout the city. It was determined that the cost was prohibitive at an annual cost of \$7,000 in conjunction with an implementation cost of an additional \$1,500.00

The STS crew has agreed to come back in the Spring and Fall of 2025 to do clean-up on the City Hall gardens and the roundabout on 190th Street. They will do one last clean-up in the Fall of 2024 as well.

Celebrate Empire saw 645 attendees! There were 4 packs of condiments unused, about 100 juice boxes, 5 packs of hotdogs (3 cooked) and 55 hamburgers.

Dawn will invite Christine DCamp to a future meeting to discuss a Geocache opportunity to appeal to older kids in the community. It could be fun for families with younger kids as well.

The final Sunday Night Entertainment was the FHS Band was held! There were 410 attendees despite it being 95 degrees with 96.7% humidity rating! The Committee recommended that next year the Farmington Band be given the opportunity to sell waters as a band fundraiser at the event. There were plenty of requests for water from those attending. Dawn will check with Charlie to see if this is an option. If so, Dawn will contact Erin Holmes to discuss. She is the FHS Director of Bands Activities Coordinator. Next year for the band will only need 4 or 5 line dividers. The Committee agreed we will lock the doors to City Hall to eliminate the need to continually tell people that it is not open to the public. We also will need 4 + No Parking signs to place around the problematic area near the stop signs.

Kacie will research pine trees to plant at City Hall so we can light a Christmas Tree each year. Dawn will check Bachman's Wholesale pricing and Amanda will check with Gertens. Ideally, cost will be \$1,000.00 or less and this must include pricing for planting the tree.

Planning for the Holiday Party has begun! Mark will be Santa again and is shopping for a new beard and wig. Dawn will ask Jill if she would be willing to be Mrs. Claus again. Tanya will contact a local teacher that may be able to alter the eyes on the snowman costume to allow for a better opening to see out of while wearing the costume. Kacie will look into other costume options in case that would be an easier and more cost-effective solution. Dawn will order 2 more elf costumes too.

This years Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 7th from 10-12pm. Committee members should arrive at 9:00 am to prep. Set-up for the party will be Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 pm. All available Committee members are asked to attend. Dawn will coordinate cookies and ordering the coffee and cocoa.

Bolten-Menk will attend the next Park and Recreation meeting to go over the recent survey results to continue to prepare for future park development. The meeting was adjourned.