

Parks & Recreations Meeting

Next Meeting: June 1st

May 17, 2016

Call to order: 6:00pm

***Emergency meeting called at the request of Racks

Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2-May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Patricia Adams	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Barbara Grim	P	P	P	P	P	A							
Megan Grim	A	P	P	A	P	P							
Tina Heffner	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Sherri McIlvaine	A	P	P	P	P	A							
Carmella Neira	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Donna Park	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Jeanette Remsen	P	A	P	P	A	P							
Brent Salvadori	P	A	P	P	P	P							
Matthew Scardino	P	P	A	P	P	P							
Clorinda Scarfo	P	P	P	A	P	P							
Philip Scarfo	P	P	P	A	P	P							
Irene Stiles	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Linda Teefy	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Rose Wohlfarth	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Council													
Bob Heffner	P	A	P	P	P	P							
Director													
Jim Bonder	A	P	P	P	P	P							

Recorded By: Nikki Carter

Key

P = Present

A = Absent

X = not a member during that month

R = Resigned

No meeting

Pledge

Jim's Opening Statement:

- Here to discuss people under 21 in the beer garden area
- Jim has more facts and data than from last meeting
- Jim thinks it is important to get everything right if we are doing this.

Jim provided an informational packet:

- 1 page in particular from the insurance company pointing out “G” serving food with alcohol, “K” transportation and designated drivers and “A” intoxicated guests will be dealt with by the police.

Jim’s concern with children NOT being allowed is it will become a drink fest. Jim called 6 different counties this week that sponsor beer festivals. From the informational packet, Brent pointed out “H” which is to close an hour before the end of the event. The rides stop at 930pm, the vendors stop at 930pm, what time do we close down the beer garden? Jim wants to assign a task force to put this info together. The fireworks start at 10pm so Brent suggested 9pm for the bar to close.

Alicia – owner Racks

- She has previously participated in beer, wine and even liquor gardens in other towns. She has seen people be allowed to walk around freely within the entire event area with beverages. There were no issues or problems and everyone was carded.
- After someone is carded they would get a wrist band to show they have already been id’d. Then a ticket system goes in place (tickets will need to be purchased) and the tickets are traded in for drinks. This worked smoothly at Haddon Heights. The company used was Cover ID.
- This is a family event so why prevent people under 21 from the area and only allow people to drink in a certain area?

Brent and Donna explained the Commission’s concerns and why the vote went the way it did. Donna explained this is a trial year and wants to make sure the festival still shines on how it has been built.

Alicia respects that which is why she wanted this meeting called. Irene stated the bottom line is the Commission doesn’t want kids in the beer garden and we would need to understand the benefits of making the change.

Monroe Twp Police Chief was initially against the beer garden but he’s been to festivities where the beer is allowed outside a designated area and believes it can work as long as it is well organized. He believes the plan for it is safe.

Alicia will have 10 people walking through the areas at all times checking wrist bands and behavior.

Phil has explained he wanted a revote on the original vote to allow the beer garden and was told no. He wants to know why now is it ok to ask for a revote and why can we not stick to the original plan of this being a trial. He believes the commission vote should be respected instead of pushing for a revote.

Alicia said she is not disrespecting the vote and states she didn’t know anything about our meetings. ***P&R Secretary made it a point to mention P&R meetings are a matter of public record and always open to the public.*** Alicia brought statistics from other towns that show this format has worked.

Jim said he sent out notes from the task force and everyone had a copy. He pointed out only 2 things changed – the wine and the under 21. He does believe the task force should also be respected. We

should not dismiss what other towns have done – we should take value out of it. He thinks we should care what other people have done.

Irene just thinks the kids are a big issue here. This is the only real problem here. Jim believes this should have been communicated before the 5/11 meeting.

Tina wants to know if Alicia has a problem with kids not being allowed. She said she has a problem with but she wouldn't back out of the event. She does believe though that it's a family event and kids should be allowed.

Donna expressed again that the Commission is concerned because the event has always been successful without alcohol.

The license for the event has already been approved as written by the task force. Changes will not affect the license.

Mayor Teefy said we are going into this as an experiment and it is a family atmosphere. By looking at the insurance we are in a better position to have a designated area. The Mayor does think allowing the family in does offer benefits.

Brent's opinion is that it's easier to mix food and beer than beer and beer. Brent knows a lot of people are against this but right now let's try to make this a go with the family.

Jim wants to know as part of this vote what happens if decisions need to be made in the next 20 days? Irene is fine with the task force making decisions the kids are the example of the problem because the commission specifically talked about kids.

Kevin Heydell was against the Beer Garden when he came to the task force. He said the meeting with the task force changed his mind. He doesn't think he was fully informed until he spoke to risk management so he wants to know how the commission things they are so informed to make such a decision. Risk Management thinks family is a better idea.

Linda voted no initially, coming to this meeting tonight she has changed her mind listening to everyone's ideas. Jim agrees with Linda.

Bob still does not understand why we had an emergency meeting. He also doesn't understand why there is a need for a re-vote as the email stated "we are not asking for a re-vote". Bob is not a voting member but thinks the original vote should stand. He said Alicia makes a great argument but there is no reason for a re-vote.

Brent said what we need to do is respect the members of the Commission with the original vote.

Matt was the only member to vote yes. He thought allowing kids would be a #s game.

Motion to close by Patti
Seconded by Jeanette
Adjournment: 7:13pm