

Parks & Recreations Meeting

Next Meeting: February 13th

January 9, 2019

Call to order: 7:01 pm

Pledge

Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2- May	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Patricia Adams	P											
Bernie Blatt	P											
Evelyn Connors	P											
Andrew Craig	A											
Anthony Derieux	P											
Alan Dodd	P											
Rocco Gallelli	P											
Barbara Grim	P											
Megan Grim	P											
John Hildebrandt	X											
Carmella Neira	P											
Donna Park	P											
Tara Price	P											
Brent Salvadori	P											
Matthew Scardino	P											
Council												
Greg Wolfe	P											
Director												
Terry Bannister	P											

Recorded By: Nikki Carter

Key

P = Present

A = Absent

X = not a member during that month

R = Resigned

No meeting

Swearing in of new members.

Reorganization Meeting

Open nominations for Commission Chair:

Megan has nominated Donna Park for Chair
Seconded by Tara
All in favor / none opposed
2019 Commission Chair is Donna Park

Open Nominations for Commission Vice Chair:

Matt nominated Brent Salvadori
Seconded by Tara
Pat nominated Megan Grim
Seconded by Barbara
6 votes Brent / 4 votes Megan
2019 Commission Vice Chair is Brent Salvadori

Approval of December minutes by Megan

Seconded by Barbara

Donna open by stating 2018 was one of the most successful years for Parks and Recs for the annual events. The end of the year Tree Lighting went very well including crowd control, etc.

A reminder the attendance requirement for meetings is 70% and Brent stressed how much work is done by this Commission.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Committees to be set up for events
 - Easter Egg Hunt – Carmella & Patty
 - Music Festival – Donna and Alan
 - Fall Festival – Megan & Barb
 - Halloween Parade – Brent, Matt & Donna
 - Tree Lighting – Tara, Bernie & Evelyn
- Question posed by Katherine Falcone – Can fireworks be saved instead of being set off during rain? Jim Bonder explained, citing an example from the 2018 Music Festival, that a commitment has to be made by 9am the day of to the firework company if the event will be a go.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Tiffany has everything ordered and will arrive the week before the event.
 - Is the Special Needs Group coming back this year – Jim and Tiffany will be touching base with them soon to review.
 - Megan has the Easter Bunny reserved.
 - Camera and printer are ready.
 - Decorations are needed for the gazebo. Tiffany will look into this.
 - The popcorn machine will need to be replaced and the current one cannot be repaired and is out of warranty.
 - Tiffany will take care of the Easter Egg Hunt.

- This will be Jim Bonder's last meeting for Parks and Recs as he has been replaced as Director. He would like to extend his thanks to the Commission members, especially long standing members like Sherri, Bob, Tina, Rose, Linda, etc.
- Megan's Law Badges need to be renewed for some members and new members must get them.
- Jim suggested renaming this Commission as he believes Parks & Recs is misleading for what the Commission does since it is for events.
- There is no budget for 2019 yet. Jim was told at the last Council Meeting a tent was not needed for the Tree Lighting.
- Jim states he was also told the Music Festival should not have been held in the rain.
- Jim suggested moving the Music Festival from 5-1030pm to keep vendors open longer.
- The Music Festival application is ready and also available online.
- Food vendors still have to fill out paper forms but online applications can now be paid online.
- Irene Stiles was not reappointed for 2019 Commission and Jim believes this was a huge oversight. She has brought volunteers to events and has done a tremendous amount of work. Jim also made a suggestion that the new members get to know the seasoned members.
- Alan wonders if 1030pm for the fireworks will deter people but the seasoned members do not believe that will be the case.
- Alan also questioned who handles Parks & Recs now but at this time Jim does not know. Alan doesn't believe Parks and Recs has to remain an event based group.
- Megan would like to know who the new Director is.
- Greg Wolfe is the new Council Liaison and he would like to thank the existing members and welcome the new members. He states only 5 people applied for the open positions on the Commission. Greg will talk with the new member who has not yet been sworn in yet and will stay in touch with Irene. Jim is still the Supervisor for Parks and Recs. Terry Bannister is the new Director. The new Mayor is very supportive of the Parks and Recs Commission and wants to keep moving forward and have a smooth transition.
- Barb questioned who will help with the events. Jim will not but the staff will continue to support. The new Community Affairs Director is Brandee Derieux. Greg insists Jim was not demoted but that eight Directors were replaced for 2019 however Jim disagrees.

Public Portion:

- Bob Heffner 3681 Old Black Horse Pike
 - Bob is here because he missed the December 2018 closing meeting. Bob considers the Parks & Recs Commission to be his baby. He believes this is the hardest working Committee in this town and a great bunch of people. He goes back seventeen years and compared Main Street going from 700 people to 10,000 at the Music Festival and has witnessed it grow. He would like to encourage the Commission to keep moving forward and to leave politics out of this room and the events. He extended his congrats to the new members and told them to be prepared to work. He also advised Greg he will have a lot of work to do.
- Kyle Smith 222 Broadlane Road
 - Here to offer help and support with the Commission for 2019.

Motion to close by Pat
 Seconded by Carmella
 Adjournment: 7:58pm