

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting 2/4/2025

Call to order at 7:01pm

Salute to the Flag

Present: Patty, Steve, Tony, Jaci, Linda, Alan, Julie, Elaine, Sue, Donna, Ariella, Matt, Bill, Brian Cope and Joe Bruno.

Absent: Kelly, Bernie, Marion, Kelsey, Deb, Tara

No Public Present

No Old Business

New Business:

Welcome to new member Elaine Moore-Wright

Donna provided a brief overview of the Parks and Rec Commission Events and duties for Elaine

Easter – Good to go – ok to order 1 large blow up decoration

Music Fest – forms are ready – just need to go live online – Anne will handle that

- Soul Cruisers and I Candee performing on Main Stage
- 2nd Stage – Saltwater Country Tribute Band (7 Piece band)
- We will attempt to also order the small stage from the county for the event
- Conversation to possibly have a stage at each of the field (pros/cons) will revisit
- Matt suggests we just jockey the 2nd stage a little bit
- Brian suggested spreading the food vendors around a bit more. He explained that we can use more of the park for the event.
- Anne will contact White Horse RV for a trailer for the bands (sponsorship)
- We need to start working on food donations for the event
- Bernie will work on the ROTC
- Donna reached out to the Solicitor to see if pre-sale ride wristbands could be a cheaper cost than ride wristbands at the event. This looks promising.
- Ariella asked if we were going to look into non-cash payments
 - Matt and Donna will look into it
- Commission would like more mechanical rides and less bounce house at event
- Mirarchi's requests a flyer for the event
- Joe confirmed that we have the A-frames
- Anne will contact Anthony Kopa for the date changes for the banners
- Sponsor packet to commission members
- Matt requests more barriers around the ticket booth area at event
- Mechanical shark requested for the Music Festival
- Donna asked if Project Graduation would like to manage the dunk tank again
- Matt will reach out to the MUA to see if they will sponsor the dunk tank again

- Donna will try for Nov 3rd in the courtroom for that month's meeting (or the 5th)
- **October**
 - Fall Festival needs to be revisited
 - If we move back to Owens for the Fall Festival, Brian will check with the Mayor to see if Owens can be closed – no games – for our fall event
 - Bill motioned to table this discussion to next meeting
 - Sue seconded
 - All in favor
 - Bill mentioned that Party City has a lot of decorations at 75% off
 - Linda requested more games for the kids for the Fall Festival

No Director's Report

No Council Liaison Report

Open Space Liaison Report – Bill explained that Open Space is looking to expand the Bike Path possible over or under the Black Horse Pike and possibly add lighting. They are also working to get an amphitheater here in town.

- Conversation ensued regarding the location of the amphitheater. Brian explained that the proposed location is in the back field near the Dog Park. (adjacent to Owens)

Motion to close by Bill. Seconded by Jaci...All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:13

Prepared by Anne Bracarello