

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting 3/4/2025

Call to order at 7:08pm

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

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve February minutes made by Bill Wright, 2nd by Patty Adams – all in favor

No Public Present

No Old Business

New Business:

- **Easter** – Commission Members are requested to arrive at 9:30 for event
- Everything is good to go – Squishy toys cost \$216 for over 400 – already delivered to building
- Need to order outdoor decorations
- Bernie – how many ROTC members do we need for event – requesting 4-6
- Eggs are already here
- Joe Bruno asked if the Commission uses the Parks and Rec crew for this event – Commission explained that we do not
- Bernie requested two pop-up canopies for the event
- Bernie asked how many balloon carrot towers for event – Commission would like 4
- Donna asked if there are any games the day of our event – Tiffany explained that the Park is closed the day of our event
- **Music Festival** -
- Donna received word from the Solicitor that we are ok to sell pre-sale wristbands at last year's prices – wristbands at event at a higher cost – Commission would like that to be \$5 increase
- Deb asked if we could start selling maybe two weeks in advance – Donna explained that we really don't want to do too far ahead of the event since we rely on weather forecasts to determine the status of the event. We don't want to get into a large refund situation
- Donna explained that the Township is working to set-up card payment systems. It should be ready for the Music Festival.
- Matt explained that he would prefer an emailed receipt rather than a printed one at the event for these card readers. These concerns will be discussed once we have all the details of the card readers.
- Matt asked if there was a way for us to discount our food vendors who get through their permit process early. Donna explained that we really can't because all of the fees are ordinance based.
- Rides – make sure we have a good selection – cover all age brackets
- Fireworks have been cleared for the same location at the Music Festival

- Joe Bruno explained that we are doing test fires at the High School on March 13th for the July 4th display
- Bernie asked if we could get an idea on how many ROTC members the Commission would like for all our events. The Commission requested 10 for the Music Festival. The Commission will work on the numbers for the other events
- Joe Bruno explained that we have 4 A-frames for advertising our events...they are placed at Walgreen's, CVS, Middle School and Geet's intersection
- The Commission would like to look into possibly using local business LED signs to help advertise our events – we will work on that
- Commission would like to possibly decorate 2nd stage area with a Country Western Theme
- Commission would like 8 balloon towers for the Music Festival
- We need members to officially resign – text message is not enough. Leave of absence is also an option
- **Fall Festival** – Bill Wright made a motion to move our Fall Festival back to Owens Park on the day of the Halloween Parade. 2nd by Linda DeSantis.
 - **Roll Call Vote** – Patty-yes, Steve-yes, Bernie-yes, Tony-yes, Linda-yes, Sue-yes, Donna-yes, Deb-yes, Matt-yes, Bill-yes
 - **Fall Fest** will be back at Owen
- **Halloween Parade – Grand Marshal** – suggestion was made for the 2025 Grand Marshal. Vote taken – 9 ayes, 1 nay. Grand Marshal selection has been completed.

Parks and Rec Director Report – Joe Bruno participated through out the meeting. No report.

Motion to close – Donna Park , 2nd – Patty

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm

Prepared by Anne Bracarello