

# Village Of Brooklyn

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Recreation Committee Minutes  
November 4, 2010 6:30 p.m.  
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Jill Van Den Eng, Helen McCord, Stacy Wolfe, Tari Lust, Ginger Valiska and Dave Natzke in attendance.

Stacy Wolfe made a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 2010. Dave Natzke seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Budget was discussed. Proposed 2011 budget worksheet distributed. Possible cuts to the Summer Youth Recreation salary discussed based on worksheet calculating costs for hiring one full time leader for 30 hours a week and two part time workers for 16 hours a week. Committee felt a buffer was needed in the budget so monies are available if more kids enroll next year and workers are needed for extra hours.

Much confusion about fundraising monies and whether or not money raised in 2010 is available to make purchases of holiday lights for the gazebo. Jill Van Den Eng will seek clarification on the issue.

Ice rink discussed. The installation date was set for November 13. Some recreation committee members and families will be able to help with installation.

Signs for the ice rink were discussed. There is danger of the lining being destroyed when ice is thin and people walk on the slush or throw objects into it. The Recreation Committee will purchase a sign to Keep Off the Ice to help prevent the rink from being destroyed.

Committee discussed opening day for ice skating. There needs to be freezing conditions. Perhaps announcements will be made on the village LED sign.

Three blue spruce trees were planted near the gazebo. The committee discussed buying LED lights to decorate them. They are small and only one strand per tree would be necessary this year. Lights around the gazebo and possible display inside would be nice if

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the budget allows. Committee needs clarification if fundraising monies are available for such purchases.

A survey to evaluate Recreation Committee programs was distributed on election day. Forty-six surveys were filled out and returned. All recreation committee programs received double digit votes to continue. The most popular program was Summer Youth Recreation, followed by Holiday Helping Day, Family Movie Night and Dime a Dip.

Few votes were cast to end programs. The committee decided to continue all programs if participation is observed.

Twenty-nine people voted to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in the survey. Most want children oriented events. The committee discussed the efficacy of such a program. Food carts on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July failed in 2009, and some committee members are not available on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. It would be best if such an event had a separate committee, or new members joined the Recreation Committee with an interest in doing a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Comments from the survey about new programs were discussed. Some citizens requested youth or adult sports. We need a coach or someone knowledgeable about starting a team do this, and at least 18 participants.

Three mentions of doing the craft show were voiced in surveys. The committee acknowledged that getting crafters for the show had become difficult because of competing craft shows in the area.

Summer music series discussed. There were many comments on the survey about the types of music desired. Attendance has been slow, but the committee would like to continue the series for another year, moving it to Smithfield Park and Sunday afternoons to make it more accessible and evident to the community.

Some community members offered their names and contact numbers as possible recreation committee members or volunteers. Recreation committee members will follow up and contact these people about being on the committee. The Recreation Committee needs more members!

Family Movie Night is this weekend. The movie is Fantastic Mr. Fox. This is an awesome movie. All things are in place for it to happen.

Winter Fest is underway. Holiday Helping Day is scheduled for December 4. Ginger Valiska is working on getting helpers and supplies for that day.

Snow Much Fun day will not happen. It could be a liability to have a community sledding and snowball event.

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Caroling will happen, even if the Recreation Committee are the only carolers. Our voices brought joy to the community last year, and hopefully more people will participate this year. The date for caroling will be announced later.

The Committee will decorate the gazebo area the weekend after Thanksgiving, if schedules allow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Tari Lust made the motion to adjourn. Stacy Wolfe seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

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