

Village Of Brooklyn

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Recreation Committee Minutes
October 7, 2010 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Jill Van Den Eng, Helen McCord, Stacy Wolfe and Dave Natzke in attendance. Janeen Podgorski arrived at 7:18 p.m.

Stacy Wolfe made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 2010. Helen McCord seconded. Jill Van Den Eng, Stacy Wolfe and Helen McCord voted aye to approve. Dave Natzke abstained. Motion passed.

Budget was discussed. Budget worksheet showed Recreation Committee fundraisers brought in \$1,450.77 in 2010. Committee expenditures for 2010 totaled \$3,258.66 to fund Get Fit Brooklyn, Summer Music Series, Family Movie Nights and related expenses. Jill Van Den Eng asked if it is a problem that expenditures exceed revenue. Helen McCord said the Recreation Committee is meant to improve the quality of life in the village with these programs. Fundraising efforts like Dime a Dip were never intended to balance the budget, but to raise special revenue funds to be used for playground equipment, like the skate park ramps in 2009, and new Christmas decorations. Having fundraisers for equipment and decorations keeps them from being paid for by village tax monies.

McCord said donators give with the intention that the money is going toward special projects and not the general fund. The committee agreed that a Special Revenue Fund should be established and used like a bank account, with money accumulating until there is enough to fund equipment or decorations.

The committee discussed proposed 2011 budget. Increases were made in advertising and expenses to purchase new signs. After further discussion about budget crunches, the committee will make do with less money and keep expenses at 2010 levels. Helen McCord made a motion to make changes. Janeen Podgorski seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

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Janeen Podgorski said the liner for the outdoor ice rink is here and will be installed in Smithfield Park on Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with installation. The committee will try to find six people to help.

Stacy Wolfe suggested rules be posted at the ice rink. The last time the village had an ice rink, the lining was torn from misuse of the rink during a thaw.

Janeen Podgorski discussed evergreen trees to be planted near the gazebo for decoration during the holidays. Trees should not grow to be too tall, thus making them impossible to decorate. Dwarf trees start out too small and would take years to get tall enough. Bob Anderson found discounted blue spruce and rocky mountain pine trees that should not grow to be more than 12 feet tall. Two trees will be purchased and planted on the right side of the gazebo.

Committee discussed purchasing holiday lights for the trees and gazebo.

Jill Van Den Eng suggested a survey be distributed during the November election to gain public opinions on Recreation Committee activities. The committee is looking for feedback on programs in place and ideas for other activities in the community. Stacy Wolfe suggested circulating the survey at the school. Dave Natzke suggested including questions about possible activities before the fireworks on July 4th and commentary about the Summer Music Series, such as kinds of music to include.

Janeen Podgorski reported that the October movie night is off the website.

The first Family Movie Night was reported to have sparse attendance, but neither committee member who worked at the movie was in attendance to get real numbers. The next movie is the Fantastic Mr. Fox. Stacy Wolfe will change the phone message to reflect the next movie showing.

Janeen Podgorski suggested we consider purchasing a portable movie screen. The movie is currently shown on bed sheets sewn together and tacked to the wall. Picture quality would improve with a portable movie screen. The committee could also use the screen to show movies in the park during the summer months. Three different options were looked at, with the most preferred option costing about as much as the committee took in fundraising this year. Discussion will continue at November meeting.

Winter Fest was discussed. Holiday Helping Day will be December 4. Other winter activities will be the planting of evergreens by the gazebo and a caroling event.

Get Fit Brooklyn information was updated on the website. Tari Lust was not in attendance to give further updates.

The idea of having Dime a Dip twice a year was discussed. Helen McCord said this was asking too much of volunteers. It is a successful fundraising event, and the committee is

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not interested in ruining a good thing. Other fundraisers were discussed, but the committee does not have enough members to execute.

Helen McCord made a motion to adjourn. Jill Van Den Eng seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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