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Recreation Committee Minutes
September 8, 2010 7 p.m.
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Ginger Valiska made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 2010. Tari Lust seconded. Ginger Valiska, Jill Van Den Eng, Tari Lust, Stacy Wolfe, Janeen Podgorski and Helen McCord were in attendance along with special Guest Carol Strauss.

Summer Youth Recreation Program was discussed. Some confusion about director Beth Stetzer's paycheck was acknowledged. A change was made this year to pay the director of the youth program with a salary rather than an hourly wage. The director logged 30 hours a week, and was salaried for 20 hours a week. She was paid for 30 hours of work in early paychecks, thus paid in advance. She did not receive a paycheck for her last two weeks of work because of this error.

Strause commented that changing the position to salary was a positive move. The committee will consider budgeting for more hours next year, as the director spent extra time with phone calls to parents, washing water bottles and other tasks outside the budgeted 20 hours.

It was established that the director of the Youth Recreation program should not handle registration and fee collection. This will be done at the Village Clerk's Office.

An observation of a lack of discipline during the Summer Youth Recreation program was observed by Strauss. Ginger Valiska stated she checked in on the program during sessions and observed order. The committee acknowledged that two assistants may be necessary next year. There was only one hired this year because of low numbers on registration day. More kids registered in the second week of the program, when it was too late to hire another assistant.

Leaving a copy of the Summer Youth Recreation calendar at the Village Clerk Office was discussed, as well as an issue about kids showing up at the Community Building on

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hot days. They are supposed to go to Legion Park first. The committee discussed making signs to direct participants of the Summer Youth Program to the proper venue.

Summer youth recreation budget items were clarified.

Carol Strauss left at 7:45 p.m.

Committee went over budget items for 2011. It was decided more money was needed for advertising events. The signs for Summer Music Series are destroyed, and more are needed to advertise movie nights and fitness programs outside the Community Building.

Summer Music Series was discussed. Turnout has been stagnant and disappointing to the musicians. A change of venue to Smithfield Park, which is more open and in a younger neighborhood was considered. Fewer concerts and changing from Thursday evenings to Sunday afternoons were also ideas for increasing community involvement.

Helen McCord made a motion to accept the resignation of Carleen Alvord from the Recreation Committee. Tari Lust seconded. The Recreation Committee needs new members to keep events happening in the community. The committee is down to six members, but is authorized to have nine.

Discussion about changing the meeting day ensued to accommodate Dave Natzke, the Village Board representative. Meetings may move to Thursdays.

The Village website was discussed. Janeen Padgorski would like to continue to update the website for the recreation committee. The committee approved of this idea, since Janeen is aware of recreation committee happenings.

Movie night volunteer nights were distributed and discussed.

Winterfest dates were discussed. Holiday Helping Day was set at December 4 from 1-4 p.m.

Get Fit exercise programs will resume in January, on Thursday nights starting on January 13. There will be yoga and boot camp programs available. Tari Lust is coordinating the event and hopes for 10 people to sign up to make the exercise programs happen.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Ginger seconded.

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