

# Village Of Brooklyn

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Recreation Committee Minutes  
March 3, 2011 6:30 p.m.  
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Jill Van Den Eng, Helen McCord, Ginger Valiska, Dorothy Frandy, Stacy Wolfe and Tari Lust were in attendance.

Lust made a motion to approve meeting minutes from February. Helen McCord seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The committee discussed need for recruiting new members. Janeen Podgorski is no longer on the committee, leaving it with six members. More members make it easier to put on events. The committee is approved to have up to nine members. McCord said the committee has been scaling back on events, but should have an odd number for voting purposes.

Van Den Eng invited citizens who expressed an interest in the committee to attend tonight's meeting. None of them came. McCord encouraged members to canvas neighborhoods to find at least one more person on the committee.

Budget was reviewed. Valiska spent \$115 for Family Fun Night. Van Den Eng asked her to give a copy of those receipts to McCord, who is keeping track of committee revenue and expenses.

Summer Music Series was run by Podgorski, who is no longer on the committee. It was not a well attended event. The series has \$1,400 budgeted for 2011. McCord suggested the committee uses \$400 to hire a band to play at Legion Park on the fourth of July and donate the rest of the money to fireworks in the village. The committee will look into the cost and availability for hiring a band on the fourth of July.

Frandy announced that the village received a \$1,000 donation from Brooklyn Community Bank for a fireworks show in Brooklyn on the fourth of July. A fireworks show costs \$2,500. The committee discussed doing fundraisers during the fireworks, such as selling

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glow necklaces and/or hot dogs or soda. One problem is that few committee members are available on the fourth of July weekend. Frandy said she would be here to help.

The craft show was discussed. Another group is doing a craft show in the village at the elementary school near the end of October. At this time, there are no plans for the recreation committee to do a craft show.

Family Fun Night was a success. The children appeared to have a good time. Two parents contacted Valiska to thank her for running the program. Valiska was disappointed there wasn't a higher turnout. She had about 12 kids and would have accommodated 30. Wolfe said the flyer did not indicate that this was a free event.

Valiska weighed the merits of having the program in February rather than December, when the program has been done for the last few years. It is easier for her to plan the program in February, but it is better attended in December. Future dates for this program will be decided at a later date.

The last Family Movie Night of the season is Saturday, March 5. "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel" is the movie. The committee plans to set up the movie in the basement rather than the gymnasium because turnout has been low, making the larger gymnasium unnecessary. The concession stand will be more accessible for movie viewers and volunteers will be able to communicate better while managing the movie and concessions.

The committee discussed doing fewer movie nights next year, as attendance for the movies was very good in the fall months and very small in January and February. The possibility of movie night overkill was discussed. The schools and churches also do movie nights. The committee will keep an eye on those plans as the next season gets closer.

Dime a Dip is coming up. McCord will get lists together by next month and the committee will start doing phone calls asking residents to donate a dish for the potluck event.

The committee discussed having a silent auction during the Dime a Dip, since there is a lot of traffic for this popular event and a silent auction has been successful in the past. Valiska talked about how silent auctions were done in the schools, where themed baskets were made from donations. Some committee members expressed an interest in donating a basket for the auction. Local business owners may be interested as a means of advertising. Committee members will ask around to see if enough baskets can be procured to make the silent auction feasible.

Summer Youth Recreation was discussed. Wolfe posted advertisements for people to lead the summer program at MATC, UW Job Center and Craigslist. She received four resumes. Valiska expressed an interest in the position and offered her resume. Van Den Eng told Valiska that she can apply, but cannot partake in any discussions of the hiring

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process. The deadline for applications is April 15, at which time qualified candidates will be called in for interviews.

New ideas came from Valiska, who suggested the committee do an activity night for children ages nine to 13. Kids can gather at the community building with their friends to play basketball, ping pong and possibly shuffleboard. There is shuffleboard in the community center near the kitchen. If the recreation buys equipment for it, all community members could come during business hours and play shuffleboard in the basement.

The costs and logistics of running such a program for older children will be explored.

Van Den Eng made a motion to adjourn at 8:41. Valiska seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

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