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Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 7, 2012, 7:00 pm
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Jill Van Den Eng, Dorothy Frandy, Tari Lust, Brit Springer and Stacey Hardy were in attendance.

Frandy made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 22. Hardy seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The budget was reviewed. Numbers from the Dime a Dip fundraiser were not evident on reports. Van Den Eng will request a report that includes this information for review next month.

Summer Youth Recreation was discussed. The program will include one coordinator/director and two assistants.

Van Den Eng made a motion to hire Gabrielle Proto as summer recreation assistant at \$10.25 an hour for up to 16 hours a week for six weeks. Lust seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Van Den Eng made a motion to hire Jack Hagstrom as summer recreation assistant at \$10.25 an hour for up to 16 hours a week for six weeks. Frandy seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Van Den Eng made a motion to hire Claire Cantwell as summer recreation coordinator at \$12 an hour for up to 30 hours a week for seven weeks. Hardy seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The committee will request the village board approve these hires. All candidates have had background checks and confirmed their interests in the positions.

Registration for the Summer Recreation Program will be on June 13 from 5-7 pm at the Brooklyn Community Building. All three Summer Recreation workers will be there to meet parents and kids and answer questions. This would be a good time for Heart of Brooklyn to meet with the director to plan field trips.

Registration forms are already printed. Discipline procedures have been forwarded to the new director for her review. They will be available at registration.

Hardy passed on information about t-shirt printing to Wolfe. T-shirts were printed for the kids enrolled in the past, but were not provided last year because of lack of sponsors.

The July 4th celebration was discussed. The Black Sheep band can no longer perform at the celebration. Arrangements were made in handshake deals. The committee may want to consider drawing up a contract with local entertainment in future years.

The committee will look into other entertainment options. A DJ will probably be the most affordable option and the most available with short notice.

Donation cans advertising the name of the band will need to be changed.

Frandy will order the bounce house. This year, a small fee will be charged to participants.

Donations are trickling in, and not in the numbers seen last year. The committee has fireworks donation cards at some local businesses. Donators can purchase a card to donate to the fireworks.

Frandy has a list of potential donators. A letter is being written for distribution.

The committee needs a meeting with fire, police, EMS, public works, village president and the fireworks contractor to determine safety procedures and a map for the event. Van Den Eng will contact these people to find a date that will work to meet in the park. The committee would also like to request help from EMS or fire to park cars during the event.

The committee will request an amplification permit and extension of park hours from the village board on July 4 for the fireworks and celebration.

Confirmation is needed from cub/boy scouts about selling soda. If they don't want to sell soda, the Recreation committee should sell it along with the popcorn and glow necklaces.

Three committee members will be available on that date. More volunteers will be needed.

The first Rec Run will be on Saturday, June 9. Fourteen people are pre-registered. The weather is predicted to be hot, so two water stations will be on the route instead of one.

Forty five t-shirts were ordered to cover registered runners, volunteers and potential same-day registrations. Funds for t-shirts were donated by local businesses. Steiny Jo's Bakery is donating muffins for the event. One Ear Productions donated a banner and signage. Items still needed are goody bag items, water, string cheese and bananas.

Public works is providing traffic cones and road paint to mark the route.

A small blurb on the run was printed in the Oregon Observer and the Albany newspaper.

Committee members who can help that day will be placed at intersections where runners/walkers cross the street, at the registration table or at the end taking times of incoming runners/walkers.

The Oregon community education is looking for dates for the Oregon School District calendar. The committee will include dates for movie nights, Dime a Dip, Rec Run and fireworks in 2013.

Website updates have been good. Springer has been updating the Brooklyn Recreation Facebook page regularly.

The Little Free Library organization may donate some units to Recreation Committee member Springer. The committee confirmed an interest in supporting this program with a free unit. Placement of the unit and design are to be determined.

Ideas for placement were Smithfield Park, Water Tower Park or the Brooklyn Community Building.

Ideas for design are to paint depictions of Brooklyn history, have a contest for residents, or have Summer Recreation kids decorate the unit.

Frandy made a motion to adjourn. Springer seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.