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Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, August 2, 7 pm
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Jill Van Den Eng, Dorothy Frandy, Ginger Valiska, Stacy Wolfe, Brit Springer and Stacey Hardy were in attendance. Tina Lindner was also in attendance.

Frandy made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Valiska seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Tina Lindner was in attendance to talk about bringing the craft show back to the Brooklyn Community building in November. It is a tradition many longtime residents remember. The craft show ended because of a lack of participation by vendors and buyers. Lindner has vendor contacts who may be interested in coming to Brooklyn. Building availability will be explored, as well as potential costs for putting on the event. Any money raised would benefit the Recreation Committee.

Lindner suggested involving Boy and Girl Scouts, 4H, and other local clubs.

The committee will meet again in August after further exploration to decide whether or not to have a craft show in 2012.

Movie night was discussed. The licensing fee is due and there has been some concern about the cost vs. attendance. The committee will continue to explore partnering with other entities to share costs of licensing. Movie attendance records were reviewed, and there were some well attended shows and others that were less attended. Movie night is a cooperative effort with local business owners at Mobil, which provides the movie. The committee also expressed a desire to show movies in the park during a summer month. The committee will explore school and church calendars and plan movie nights at the next meeting.

Van Den Eng made a motion to renew the license and continue showing movies for the 2012/2013 season. Hardy seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The website and email updates were discussed. Springer is now on the website committee and needs a list of upcoming events. She also discussed changes to Facebook. New

pictures would be good. Van Den Eng suggested including a waiver form in the Summer Recreation packet next year to allow the committee to use photos from this program.

Facebook has an option to create “events.” Making Recreation Committee activities events on Facebook and including them on personal timelines will help promote the fan page and programs.

Movie nights and Zumba classes would be good upcoming events on Facebook.

The committee discussed doing a bounce house as a fundraiser during the EMS Labor Day event. The event lasts three days. Because of storage issues for the bounce house, it is easiest to do one day. The committee will look at the EMS event schedule and decide on a date and time at the next meeting. Frandy will order the bounce house.

Hardy suggested doing a volleyball tournament during EMS Labor Day in 2013. Some teams have expressed an interest. The committee will ask EMS Labor Day planners for input before pursuing.

A Little Free Library is coming to Brooklyn Recreation as soon as next week. The committee had discussed having a contest for decorating it or having the summer recreation youth do the decorating, but timing is awkward. Local artists and ideas will be explored.

The Little Free Library will be placed near the Community Building, as that best represents the Recreation Committee and its programs. The organization donating the model would like a dedication ceremony involving the community.

Get Fit Zumba classes are returning to Thursday nights at 6:30 pm at the Brooklyn Community Building from October 4 to November 1. Instructor Ashley Anderson returns for a fall session and a spring session.

Alternative classes in Boot Camp or other fitness venues are being considered for the interim.

Summer Youth Recreation is winding up for the summer. The last session is on August 3, with a field trip. Approximately 30 kids were enrolled, but attendance varied. This week, about 20 kids arrived each day.

The director kept Wolfe informed of events and activities. There were scavenger hunts, water days and a carnival held in the stead of an end of the year party.

There were some behavioral problems among the children, but they were handled with competence. A discrepancy in reported hours by one employee was discussed and will be addressed with the employee.

Wolfe suggested the committee not have a registration date next year. Most people sign up on the first day of the program.

Budget discussion was postponed.

Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Springer seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for August 21 at 6:30 pm.