

Village of Howard City  
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 4:06. Members present: Jean, Emily, Janice and Deb. Reviewed minutes of the last meeting.

Old Business: MIP Jean noted that the committee members of the Parks & Rec each take a night to help, clean, set up and greet the bands. Emily agreed that would be something that the group should do to make sure the pavilion was set up properly and to greet people. It was also suggested that in the future the concession groups start serving around 6:00 so that people can eat or get a meal prior to the bands starting. Deb noted that with the new band shell that the pavilion should be set up for eating and tables wouldn't have to be moved with the exception of how the concessions would need to be accommodated.

As noted in the minutes, the committee members agreed that the bands should be determined by a vote of the members no later than March 1st, in addition the concessions should also be determined at that time. Bands can either be listened to on YouTube or some have sent clips on FB for review. Food to be served should be determined by May 1st. Reach out to the local restaurants, athletic groups, organizations and food truck vendors.

Deb brought an example of a brochure from a couple of the local MIP events as an example for consideration for us to utilize in the future. Emily suggested a banner for MIP be put up on the poles like we do other events. Flyers or stuffers could also be done with the banks, credit unions and restaurants. (Likewise with other events hosted or part of the Village umbrella.)

New Business: Halloween, Janice noted that she had some people ask if the date could be changed so that Trick or Treaters would come to homes on Halloween rather than to the park. She asked to consider Saturday, October 26th instead. Deb noted that many people now seek out events for the purpose of safety and enjoyment of a centrally located event. Last year we had trunk or treat stations almost all the way around the park with the games and fun inside the park area. Lighting was discussed so that possibly it could be better lighting.

Buck Pole: Ronna pretty much coordinates this event and many of us volunteer for the event to assist.

Village Tree Lighting: Janice noted that the tree lighting, parade and Santa will be December 7th.

The reinstating of Town-wide Yard Sales was discussed, more discussion to follow.

Question raised about the Farmers Market, could it be viable if moved down to the park area and incorporated with craft vendors. Possibly have a small fee charged to be a vendor with the monies going into the Parks & Rec fund for Community events.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05

Motion by : Janice Williams

Seconded by : Deb Becker-Fountain.