

Village of Howard City  
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. Members present: Olsen, Bissonette, Becker-Fountain, Toner, Wabanimkee, Williams, Davila, and Krukowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Wabanimkee seconded by Olsen to approve minutes from September 18, 2024 minutes. Motion CARRIED (8-0)

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

A-1) Motion by Becker-Fountain seconded by Olsen to approve the purchase of a banner and yard signs from Viking Sign Solutions for a total of \$258.00. Motion CARRIED (8-0)

A-2) Wabanimkee sent out sponsorship letters for the Buck Pole. Sponsorships will be \$275 with checks sent and made out to Village of Howard City. Event will be from 12pm-8pm. Jean's Pizza Café will be bringing cookies and Wabanimkee will be ordering shirts.

A-3) Prior to the tree lighting, there will be a chili cookoff. Jean's Pizza Café will provide tasting bowls and spoons. A flyer will be made with business rules and another flyer will be made for attendees. The Village Council will need to approve the chili cookoff. Add the cookoff to the tree lighting flyer. Wabanimkee will make up place cards to put in front of each chili. A voting form will be made up. Wabanimkee will check with local businesses for donations for the decorating contest winner. Davila will find a trophy for the chili winner. Public voters will be able to register for a prize giveaway. Chili cookoff will be from 3:30pm – 4:30pm with the parade starting at 5pm. Wabanimkee will inquire about obtaining a Santa. Send an invitation to businesses to participate in Tree Lighting.

Motion by Wabanimkee seconded by Bissonette to approve the chili cookoff flyer. Motion CARRIED (8-0)

B-1) Bands that have reached out to participate in 2025 Music in the Park are as follows: Larsen Brothers, The Selbys, Borderline, Dusty Chaps/Luke Lenhart, Free Flight, and Blue Water Ramblers. Bands need to be picked and hired by February 1, 2025. It was suggested to begin the Music in the Park series on June 17 and have 8 weeks of music. The 2025 budget would need to be increased. It was suggested to purchase yard signs for businesses to raise money and bring awareness to the Music in the Park series. Olsen will set up a poll on Facebook to get community input for preferred genres. The Committee would like to showcase the new band shell.

Motion by Olsen seconded by Wabanimkee to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 pm. Motion CARRIED (8-0)

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Janice Williams, Chair