

Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Members present: Olsen, Bissonette, Becker-Fountain, Toner, Wabanimkee, Williams, and Krukowski (arrived at 4:23). Others Present: Kuzmik

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Wabanimkee seconded by Olsen to approve minutes from May 15, 2024, and August 21, 2024, minutes. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

A-1) The Committee discussed getting a banner to hang on the band shell and at the buck pole to advertise Music in the Park. The Committee will have someone at the park to greet bands and concessions and would like to get t-shirts for committee members to wear on Music in the Park nights so bands and concessions know who to ask for help. The Committee has had requests to sell t-shirts at Music in the Park and would like to follow through for a fundraiser for Parks. The Committee will be researching and discussing bands to book for 2025 in October and November, along with scheduling concessions.

New Business:

B-1) Discussion was held regarding Halloween preparations. The event will take place on October 31 from 6pm-7pm. The time is shortened in order to allow kids to trick or treat through the Village as well. Rockgate will bring their prize wheel and a backdrop for pictures and hot dogs will also be provided. There will not be a costume or trunk decorating contest this year.

B-2) Christmas/Tree Lighting – December 7th. More recognition for business contributions with corrugated signs. Recommendation to have only one contest for business Christmas Lighting decorations for both interior and exterior lighting. Suggestion to create a poll on Facebook instead of liking the individual picture for the contest. Parade start time 5:00. The Chamber would like to be involved and suggested possibly do some activities to fill in the gap between 3-4:30. Discussion about doing a pizza eating contest or chili cookoff with public something involving food and/or activities to involve adults. Committee decided to do a chili cookoff with local businesses making the chili and the community will taste test and vote (with the possibility of pizza eating contest later). Jean will organize the event in her restaurant between 3:00-4:30. Chili Cookoff winner to be announced at the tree lighting. All voters will be entered into a drawing to win. Janice will get the sound system from the library. A gift basket will be awarded to residential decorating winner. Corrugated sign for Business Winner of Chili Cookoff. Photos will be done by Allison and Jackie as back up. Allison will create Facebook post and send out to committee for review. Chili Cookoff will go on “until supplies last”.

B-3) Buck Pole - Sponsorship letters going out in next couple of weeks. Event is on a Friday and school is not in session. Discussion to incorporate some more fun into the event by possibly adding a band? Discussion about the Senior All Nighter fund raiser taking over the sale of t-shirts instead of selling food.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

Motion by Olsen seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk/Treasurer

Janice Williams, Chair