

TOWN OF WOODBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: BRANDON, PHIL, MARTHA, BRAD, MIKE, WILLA, MARTY; EXCUSED - JOEY GIANZERO.
GUESTS: MISS ELLIE, LORRAINE BERRY, MATT AVASCAR (ART COUNCIL), SARA JOHNSON (LIBRARY), MARIA HUNTER (BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE), RACHEL BRUCE
4. MINUTES FROM AUGUST 16, 2022, MEETING - ACCEPTED. MOTION BY MARTHA, SECOND BY BRAD.
5. PARK DIRECTOR'S - NO REPORT/NOT PRESENT
6. TOWN BOARD LIAISON – NO REPORT/NOT PRESENT
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. MOVIE NITE WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED. OVER 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED. POPCORN MACHINE, COOKIES, WATER AND JUICE BOXES WERE PROVIDED.
 - b. FIRST-AID KITS ARE AT MARTHA'S HOUSE. THEY WILL BE TIED TO THE REZ FENCING FOR EASY ACCESSIBILITY. A RIBBON CUTTING WAS DISCUSSED. POSSIBLE DATE OCTOBER 14. THE STUDENT WHO DESIGNED THE PROGRAM, OLIVIANA, WILL RETURN FROM SCHOOL IN OCTOBER. HER SCHOOL, WAKEFOREST, WANTS TO DO A BLAST ABOUT THE PROJECT AND USE WOODBURY AS ITS PILOT PROJECT AS IT HOPES TO MAKE THE PROGRAM NATIONAL.
 - c. HIGHSCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE DEVELOPED. MARTHA IS OVERSEEING THE CREATION OF A LIST OF INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS.
 - d. RECAP OF CAMP OUT – FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED WAS VERY POSITIVE. BEACH ACTIVITIES AND GAMES WERE ENJOYED BY CHILDREN. THANKS WAS GIVEN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HELPING WITH THE BONFIRE SO THAT SMORES COULD BE COOKED ON THE BEACH. PHIL AND THE AMBULANCE WERE THANKED FOR THEIR HELP. THERE WAS TAI CHI ON THE BEACH AT 7AM. CHERRY WAS THANKED FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS IS SOMETHING TO REPEAT NEXT YEAR. PHIL SUGGESTED THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE SHOULD BE A REAL BREAKFAST. THE GRIDDLE CAN MANAGE BACON AND EGGS. MARTHA AND WILLA TOSSED OUT AN IDEA TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP OUT. THIS WAS THE RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL GRANDPARENTS WHO CAME FOR THE EVENING BUT DIDN'T STAY FOR THE SLEEPOVER. WE WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO ACCOMMODATE THEM, MAYBE MODIFIED GLAMPING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR MORE PEOPLE TO DO THE OVERNIGHT.
 - e. BRICKLEY FIELD IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE. NEXT WEEK, THERE WILL BE A MEETING BETWEEN A PARK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE AND A POLICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. ONE OF THE ITEMS IS TO EXPLORE A GRANT FOR "TEEN PROGRAMMING."

- f. BRANDON REPORTED THAT EACH YEAR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO WRITE AN ANNUAL REPORT. THE EVENTS THAT WERE HELD IN 2022 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT AND THOSE THAT WERE MOST POPULAR WILL BE THE BASIS FOR FUTURE PLANNING.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. HALLOWEEN AT THE REZ, MONDAY, OCTOBER 31. PLANS INCLUDE:
- b. PUMPKINS AND ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
- c. PUMPKIN PAINTING; BALLOON ANIMALS; THEMED COSTUME CONTESTS; DECORATIONS BY THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE; SCAREY MUSIC; AND CIDER AND DONUTS.
- d. SARAH JOHNSON SAID THE LIBRARY WILL WORK WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING (NOT SO SCAREY) GHOST STORIES AND FACE PAINTING.
- e. NO DECISION WAS MADE REGARDING HAYRIDES. SOME FELT THERE MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH INTEREST.
- f. A MOVIE NIGHT FOR OCTOBER 29 WAS DISCUSSED. THERE WAS INTEREST IN THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW.
- g. MARTHA IS DEVELOPING AN EMAIL DATABASE FOR PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP FOR EVENTS. THIS WILL ALSO BE USED TO THANK PEOPLE FOR ATTENDING EVENTS AND TO SEND THEM SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO FUTURE EVENTS. SHE WILL WORK WITH THE TOWN IT PERSON TO GET A SEPARATE PARKS EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THIS.
- h. THERE WAS A REQUEST TO REVISIT THE POLICY REGARDING SUMMER PASSES FOR GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE RESIDENTS BUT WHOSE GRANDCHILDREN ARE NOT.
- i. IDEAS TO EXPLORE FOR NEW PROGRAMMING INCLUDED:
- j. HOLDING A POLAR PLUNGE. BRANDON WILL REACH OUT TO ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY.
- k. CARRIBEAN DAY TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO ENJOY DIFFERENT CULTURES. IT COULD INCLUDE HAIR BRAIDING, STEEL DRUMS AND DANCING.
- l. A LUAU EVENT.
- m. EXPLORING FREE ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS.
- n. TURKEY PLUNGE.
- o. TURKEY TROT THANKSGIVING MORNING WITH COSTUMES ENCOURAGED.
- p. SANTA CLAUS RACE.
- q. NEW YEAR'S DAY (OR CHRISTMAS) - BOWL OF PUNCHES – BRAD REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE LAKE IS DRAINED AROUND DECEMBER 1, SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY.
- r. BRANDON WILL REACH OUT TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPLORE HOW TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY.
- s. ALSO, AS PLANS TAKE SHAPE THERE WAS A SUGGESTION TO CONSIDER IF ANY OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE FUNDRAISERS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.
- t. OCTOBER 15 MISS LORRAINE AND MISS ELLIE WILL OFFFER PAINT AND SNACK. AN 8 WEEK PROGRAM, 9AM TO 10:30 AM. PEOPLE CAN SIGN UP FOR 1 OR 2 FOUR WEEK SESSIONS. AGES 4-10, EVERY SATURDAY. \$20 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

- u. BRANDON REPORTED THAT HE INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE PLANS TO FORM A *NATIONAL NIGHT OUT* COMMITTEE. IT WILL BE A JOINT COMMITTEE WITH VILLAGE AND TOWN. HE AND MARTHA WILL REACH OUT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENTS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS TO BRING THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND BUILD A PARTNERSHIP. WE HAVE UNTIL JANUARY BEFORE WE HAVE TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS. A SUBCOMMITTEE CAN THEN BE PUT TOGETHER TO WORK ON IT. THE EVENT IS AUGUST 1, 2023, FROM 5 TO 8 PM
- v. MARTHA SHOWED COMMITTEE MEMBERS A FLYER WHE HAS BEEN WORKING ON WHICH CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ANYONE WHO SCANS THE QR CODE ON IT. THE FLYER CAN BE POSTED AT THE PARKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. BY SCANNING IT WITH A SMART PHONE, PEOPLE CAN REPORT A PROBLEM AT THE PARK, OR ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARKS AND EVENTS. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AGREED THE FLYER WILL HAVE TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE WEATHER AND STILL BE SCANNABLE. THEY WILL LOOK AT THE BEST WAYS TO USE THIS TECHNOLOGY ONCE JOEY RETURNS.
- w. WILLA ASKED THAT THE TREES IN THE REZ PLAYGROUND BE CHECKED FOR DAMAGING INSECTS. SHE NOTICED ONE OF THE OLDER TREES WAS INFESTED AND WAS CONCERNED THAT THE TREE WAS BEING HURT. BRAD WILL CHECK IT OUT.

9. NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 18, 7PM - TOWN HALL

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. SARAH JOHNSON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR – SAID THE LIBRARY LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EVENTS DISCUSSED EARLIER SUCH AS “NOT SO SCAREY STORIES” AND FACE PAINTING.
- b. A BRAINSTORMING DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. IDEAS ABOUT HOW THE LIBRARY, THE ARTS COUNCIL AND PARKS AND RECREATION COULD WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE CONTENT FOR RESIDENTS OF WOODBURY GIVING THEM FUN THINGS TO DO WERE TOSSED OUT. FOR EXAMPLE, CHESS TOURNAMENTS, ART WALKS LIKE THE ONE IN GOSHEN. THEY HAVE STATIONS WITH PAINTED RACEHORSE CUTOUTS. WE’D NEED A THEME ALL THINGS WOODBURY. FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE PEOPLE PAINT CUT OUTS OF BEARS - *WOODBURY*. THESE IDEAS WILL BE ADDED TO A LIST FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS.
- c. MARIA REMINDED PEOPLE ABOUT OCT 31, *TRUNK OR TREAT* AT THE CV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PURCHASED SCARECROW CUTOUTS WITH FACE INSERTS FOR KIDS’ PICTURES. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE A 12FT SKELETON AND WEREWOLF DECORATION AT THE SENIOR CENTER THIS YEAR. WINTER WONDERLAND WILL ALSO BE EXPANDED THIS YEAR.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN BY WILLA; SECONDED BY MARTHA.