

Newport Parks and Recreation

September 23, 2021 (Virtual)

Present at Meeting: Jennifer Smith, Jaime Comtois, Mandy Chaput, Debbie Smith, Kelli Rhodes

Absent: Shari Lee Ryan, Chad Prue

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Jennifer Smith.

Review of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meetings (June 17, 2021 & July 23, 2021) were reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

- No members of the public present to provide comment(s).

Fundraising Update:

- Bottle Money for Gardner Park Improvements: June, July & August 2021 - \$378.28
- Rec Committee Projects:
 - MyRec \$137.00
 - Mother Son Dance: \$2,178

Program Debrief:

- Mother & Son dance
 - Working together as a committee and working together on the goodie bags and decorations.
 - Thank you so much for all that came.
 - Food looked nice.
 - Public comparison of Father Daughter Dance and Mother Son Dance- misunderstanding of differences in groups planning. Once explained, differences were understood. Plan to be more forthcoming about this being a Rec Committee event held mostly by volunteers to avoid confusion after dance.
 - Begin planning for Rec dance- booking DJ and photographer to avoid last minute search. Make sure we have a committee member MC available to help with the flow of the night.

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

- None

Fundraising:

- Hydration Station - Not this year. Most of our volunteers have been close contact

Public Recreation:

- Question: is the City planning the traditional Monster Bash this year?
- Pumpkins in Pomerleau Park a possibility.
 - Need additional arms to haul pumpkins and to make sure the pumpkins stay safe and make sure the candles stay lit.
 - Discussing different ideas to maintain the safety standards of Covid
 - Submission box at Pomerleau Park
 - Giving pumpkins and having contests for age groups to submit carvings done at home.
 - Group will collect them
 - Need help with setting them up, turning on/off lights in pumpkins and disposing of the pumpkins.
 - October 16 or 17 as potential dates for pick up and Oct 23 or 24 as dropoff dates.
 - Jen will work with Laura Dolgin/City for assistance with this event.
- Bike Rodeo
 - No new updates
 - May 2022

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office:

- Michael Brown, New Director of Recreation begins October 25th.

Other Business:

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jenn if you have ideas, she will be happy to add it to the agenda.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 5:30pm. Please let Jenn know at least one week in advance if you can't make it.