

Newport Recreation Committee

Approved Minutes October 19, 2023

Present: Sue Kiley, Carter Finegan, Nick Whitehouse, Matt Kiley, Jenn Smith, Kelli Rhodes, Mike Brown

Absent: Sean Pilker, Jamie Comtois

1. Called to order at 5:34
2. Approve September minutes.
3. Comments by members of the public
4. Monthly Fundraising Update: Thompson's \$100.74; Buzzy's \$85.25
5. Program & Event Debriefs-none
6. Program & Event Planning:
 - Coin Drop:** Postponed due to threat of rain Oct. 7th. No volunteers for October 21. Sue recommended having it at pumpkin pickup. Matt volunteered to stand alone after which was discouraged due to safety concerns.
 - Pumpkin Palooza:** Pickup at Gardner Park Sat Oct 21st 10a-Noon.
 - Volunteers: Matt, Susan**
 - Drop Off carved pumpkins Sat. October 28th 1- 2pm; Judging @ 2pm; Parade @ 3pm
 - Volunteers: Kelli 12-2:30, Matt, Susan, Carter, Mike, Ira.** Matt to pickup cider at Burt's on Tue, store at Gateway.
7. Fundraising Projects
8. Public Recreation
9. Recreation Dept Updates:
 - FALL FEST was a great success. Scarecrow contest winners:
Most Colorful: 1st -The Meeting Place; 2nd-Pick&Shovel; 3rd Needleman's
Most Traditional: 1st The Meeting Place; 2nd Community Nat'l Bank; 3rd Passumpsic Bank
Most Creative: 1st The Meeting Place; 2nd Needleman's; 3rd Pick&Shovel
 - TURKEY FEST at Gazebo November 18, 12-3pm Games, petting zoo, pumpkin eating contest **Volunteers: Susan, Matt**
 - Tree Lighting at Pomerleau Park Saturday December 2nd 4pm **Volunteers: Matt & Sue**
Sue volunteered to find Sunday trumpet player for holiday caroling
 - Pomerleau Party at City Gym Saturday Dec 16th, 1-4pm. Gifts, Downtown Dollars, \$50 Gift Certificate. **Volunteers: Carter, Susan, Matt**
 - Playground: Engineering firm hired to manage remediation. City workers hazmat trained. Excavation by year's end. Equipment ordered to spring delivery and build
10. Teen Center : Matt making rounds asking for operations funding. Next meeting is October 27th 9am Rm 380 at NCCCC for students and a couple adult mentors. Roundtable 2 by end of year.
11. Discussion of who to be lead sponsor. Possible 501C3 soon for entity who is very interested, staffed and capable

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 5:30

Adjourned at 6:38