

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Special Meeting

August 14, 2023

1. Call to Order 7:00pm

Commission members present: Jim Warren,
Cliff Soucy, Mike Gaudreau, Melissa Perkins-Banas, Deb
Warren, Harry Adams, Drew Dionne

Absent: Steve Danna, David Wilterdink

Also, present: Austin Tanner, First Selectman
Amy Brosnan, Parks and Recreation Director

**Motion made: to change order of Agenda, move #3 to #2:
1st Jim Warren 2nd Harry Adams All In Favor**

2. Approval of Special Meeting minutes from July 10,2023

Motion made: 1st Cliff Soucy 2nd Harry Adams All in Favor

3. FEARgrounds

The Two buildings used ,will be scarier. Not recommended for under 10yrs.
old.

Looking for tarot card reader/ paranormal in the bonfire area.

Would like more food vendors.

May want to open the gates earlier.

Discussion on allowing the bonfire to go until 10:00.

Discussion on controlling the number of public in the houses for the best
experience.

Discussion on using SQUARE for walk in payments and T-shirt purchases.
Make sure Volunteer waivers are signed.

Next FEARgrounds subcommittee meeting will be Aug 31st at 6:00 at the
community center.

4. Public Comment

SQUARE is a great agent for payments to be received.

5. Other Business-- Rick Ives was unable to attend

6. Director's Report

a. Program Update- A Program Director and parttime office staff
member have been hired. Start date August 28th and 29th.

Summer Camp is winding down the last day is August 18th. Penny
Wars fund raiser raised 247.76 for the Jim Boyle Scholarship fund.

Non -perishables were collected for Brooklyn Cares last week. More
than 300 items were collected.

The last week of camp is a clothing drive. The group and camp that
donates the most gets and Ice Cream Sundae Treat.

Red Socks vs. Yankees-trip only 10 tickets were sold.

Before and After School. 30 signed up for Before and 49 for After
An Advertisement went out for Substitute employees.

Do-Op concert will be at Riverside Park on September 3rd along with a
Car Show. 1:00-4:00

Christina is doing running club - Nate is doing exercise classes.

Brooklyn parents would like to have their own Basketball teams. Amy
will meet with them.

b. Parks

Steep grant has been applied for, to help with the extra costs of South Street upgrades and Tennis court move.

Fields are in great shape.

Need better signage for our Parks and to promote them more.

7. Old. Business-

Musical concerts at Riverside Park will be scheduled in the Spring.

8. Public Comment

none

7. Adjournment

Time: 7:58

Motion made: 1st Melissa a 2nd Cliff Soucy All in Favor

Next meeting: September 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle