

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

November 9 , 2015

Commission members present: Steve Danna, Cliff Soucy Kim Conroy, Michael Gaudreau, and Chris Toney

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director

Absent: John Don Francisco, Scott Allen, Steve Phillips, Lauren Centrelli

Public: none

Called to Order:

7:02pm

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion made: 1st Steve Danna 2nd Chris Toney All In Favor

2. Approval of Monthly budget reports:

No reports from the Financial Director were available for this meeting.

3. Middle School Baseball Field Update

The field is 80% complete. The fencing and backstop is in place. The fencing follows the contour of the land. The low spots will be filled in, the grass will be cut and the leaves removed. If the weather permits, the clay will be put in and the bases, if not, this will be done in the spring. If there is money left over it will be used to put piping along the top of the fencing.

4. Teen Center Update

The Teen Center numbers are starting to grow. There are 21 fulltime members and 20 part-time members. The Center only opened one year ago and is continuing to expand.

Jewett City savings bank gave the center a grant of \$500 towards security cameras for the front doors of the center.

The Beagary Charitable Trust, via trustee Patricia Morgan, gave the Teen Center a grant of 7,500, to be divided over three years. The grant is to provide financial aid to social and educational programs. It allows children and adults to have cultural, educational and social interaction with peers; and teach sportsmanship and leadership skills.

The Commission and Director were overwhelmed and grateful at this generous donation to the center.

Mrs. Geeza's parents donated a 60' projection T.V. to the Center.

5. Program Update

Discussion needs to begin on whether the Teen Center will have a summer program. Plainfield would be interested in combining the teen centers for trips and events.

The discussion needs to be started soon to look at the numbers and the budget. It is important to the BOF to look at financial feasibility. It is already know that funds from the state for Brooklyn will be at least 50,000 less than this year.

Discussions about summer concerts a Riverside Park need to begin. The Commission may look at having concerts and bands sponsored by businesses in town.

Spooky Nights was phenomenal!!! It ran smoothly, the scenes were excellent, and there were even more volunteers this year. The DJ at the start of the line was a great idea. The Committee agrees that things can be tweaked to continue to improve Spooky nights, but it cannot be made bigger. Mike Gaudeau personally thanked everyone who participated and volunteered their time.

6. Public time None

7. Adjournment 7:50

Motion made: 1st Kim Conroy 2nd Steve Danna All in favor

