

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation

Special Meeting

7:00pm

October 11, 2017

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Harry Adams, Steve Danna, David Wilterdink, Cliff Soucy, Kim Conroy, Chris Toney

Absent: Mae Lyons and Scott Allen

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch

Public: Rick Ives, First Selectman

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from September 11, 2017

Motion made:

1st David Wilterdink 2nd Harry Adams All in Favor

2. Approval of monthly budget reports

Motion Made:

To accept monthly budget reports from
July through September 30, 2017

1st Harry Adams 2nd Steve Danna All in Favor

3. 2017/2018 budget

Rick Ives reported on Brooklyn's budget. With a lack of a state budget, Brooklyn only received a portion of ECS grant, about 300,000 less than last year. This is of great concern and if there continues to be no state budget in the next thirty days, there will be cuts too many departments including employees due to lack of state funds.

4. Big E bus trip discussion

There were some complaints about the transportation that was used for Big E. A school bus instead of a coach bus was used for cost savings so there was no bathroom available, and the

ride was bumpy. The driver got lost on the way, and took an alternate route on the way home, making the ride much longer and uncomfortable. The Recreation director apologized and will look into the situation for next year.

5. Concerts at Riverside Park/car cruise

The concerts went very well. There were at least 60 audience members at each concert.

It was a successful first year.

The car cruise /bike rodeo saw 15 to 20 kids learning bike safety. All the bike helmets were given away as well as many other gifts. The Brooklyn business association bought two bikes at Walmart so the children who did not bring bikes could participate riding the bike course. Bucky and the commission are very grateful for their generosity.

6. Spooky Nights

Work has begun on the set up and will last all week. The newest area, the kiddie house, is coming along really well. There have been a few glitches due to the date. Spooky nights has traditionally been another weekend but this year due to a late schedule change, the date was moved. This lead to some acts , volunteers and vendors being unavailable, but with hard work all the areas and acts have been covered. There will be a Karate demo on stage, and Mr. Tanner from the Creamy Brooke Farm will be offering milkshakes and bison soup.

7. Public time

None

8. Adjournment

7:40pm

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

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle