

Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Members present: Becker-Fountain, Olsen, Bissonette, Wabanimkee, and Williams. Others Present: Kuzmik

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Becker-Fountain seconded by Olsen to approve minutes from September 27, 2023, minutes. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

A-1) Halloween:

- i. Games update – Face painting has been eliminated. Table will still be set up for coloring. Games planned are corn hole, candy corn guess, spin the wheel, and, if enough volunteers, bowling.
- ii. Contests – With cash donations, it was decided to purchase 3 - \$10 Subway gift cards to go with giant candy bars to costume contest winners and a \$50 Pizza Café gift card will be awarded to the best decorated trunk.
- iii. Participants – As of now, Droski Insurance, DTW Transport, SR Automotive, Pizza Café, Kristy and Martin VanderHoof, Trisha Peuler-Steenwyk, HD Towing and Recovery, ACE Home Health Care, Howard City Area Chamber of Commerce, Heckman & Son Lawn Care and Snow Plowing, Mattsons, and Mercantile Bank have stated they plan on attending to pass out candy.
- iv. Donations – We have currently received \$625 in donations.
- v. A walk through of the park is scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:00 at Ensley Park to check lighting and layout of how things will be set up.

A-2) Buck Pole – Ronna Wabanimkee stated everything is going great right now. She has had at least 60 possible sponsors reach out to her. She is scheduling Big Red's BBQ food truck in which first \$600 in food will be paid for by Buck Pole. She will be ordering shirts and Viking Sign Solutions will be printing the sponsor signs this year. The same two gentlemen will be there running the hi-lo again this year for hanging deer. She has also scheduled the same MC and WGLM 106.3 FM radio station will be doing a remote broadcast again this year as well. It was asked to post signs stating no alcohol. The Village will also provide lanyards for the event volunteers.

New Business:

B-1) The November 22, 2023, meeting has been cancelled. It was decided to concentrate on the final preparations for the Buck Pole and get preparations for the Tree Lighting done at the November 8, 2023, meeting.

Motion by Olsen seconded by Becker-Fountain to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 pm. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk/Treasurer