

Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Members present: Becker-Fountain, Williams, Olsen, Bissonette, Wabanimkee. Absent: Maguire, Toner, Niswonger, VandeVrede, Zachow. Others Present: Kuzmik, Falcon, Heckman, Pastor Terri Cummins, Amanda Shears,

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Becker-Fountain seconded by Wabanimkee to approve minutes from November 2 & 16, 2022, minutes. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

A-1) Tree lighting in December went very well. Discussion about possibly shortening the time to half hour or forty-five minutes. Judging of the contest winners was discussed in using Facebook as the medium to judge – most likes wins. Also, possibly place a sign in residential winner's yard.

New Business:

Village Manager, Michael Falcon, addressed the committee and stated the tree lighting did go very well. Mr. Falcon informed the committee that we did not receive the Spark grant in round one; and we are currently planning on submitting for the grant again in round two. The splash pad DNR grant has been submitted; and we are waiting to hear back on that one. Mr. Falcon stated we are seeing more usage of the ball fields. Little league has contacted him regarding the use of the fields again this year. Mr. Falcon stated we have a lot of things going on and for the committee to inform the Village if there is anything needed to help.

Mr. Falcon presented the committee with a rendering of a new sign to put in Ensley Park and stated the Village is looking to replace the existing sign.

The Easter egg scramble will be on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 11:00 am. Pastor Terri Cummins from Heritage United Methodist Church was present and asked if the church could possibly partner with parks and rec in order to get more involved in the community. The committee approved to allow the church to put up a tent and have prizes as well. March 14 from 12 pm – 4 pm was decided to be scheduled to help fill eggs with a park and rec meeting to begin at 4:00 pm.

Music in the Park was discussed. The committee would like to see different genres of music brought in for a variety. Mr. Falcon has spoken with an electrician in order to get the electric fixed at the park. The band shell was also discussed. The Village still needs money in order to put up a decent band shell.

The meeting schedule was discussed, and the day of the week will be switched back to Wednesdays. A new schedule will be sent out to all committee members.

Amanda Shears was also present and stated issues she has noticed with advertising of Village events. Mr. Falcon would like to have a meeting with her to discuss options she is willing to do to help the Village with in getting more of a social media presence.

Motion by Olsen seconded by Wabanimkee to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 pm. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk/Treasurer