

Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Members present: Wabanimkee, Bissonette, Williams. Members absent: Toner, Becker-Fountain, Maguire, VanderHoof, Olsen, Niswonger, VandeVrede, Zachow. Others Present: Kuzmik

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Wabanimkee seconded by Bissonette to approve minutes from May 17, 2023, minutes. Motion CARRIED (3-0)

Public Comment: Village Manager Mike Falcon thanked the committee for another great Music in the Park series.

Old Business:

A-1) Music in the Park is done. Major complaints were mosquitoes which will be addressed by the Village next year.

New Business:

B-1) The Halloween donation letter will have a couple more changes and will be ready to be sent out middle of September. Jackie Bissonette will be in charge of games. Possible change set up in park to help with lighting issues. There will not be a raffle this year; the Committee will ask for donations.

B-2) Ronna Wabanimkee will get started sending donation requests out in September for the Buck Pole. There will be a food truck and senior all-nighter will have a booth set up as well. Wabanimkee is going to reach out to Michigan Outdoors and WGLM 106.3 FM. The event will start at noon.

B-3) Cheryl Smith, Library Director, was present to discuss the possibility of providing carriage rides. The cost is \$700 in which the library will donate \$560 and the Park and Rec Committee will pay the difference. Carriage rides would be from 2pm – 4 pm and will be back at 5 pm to bring Santa in on the carriage as long as the fire department does not run sirens. Decorating contest for business and residential will still be held with judging to be done on Facebook – most likes wins. Ronna Wabanimkee will get gift basket for residential contest winner. Committee is asking Deb Becker-Fountain to contact the school to see if any music group would be able to attend. Committee to contact local churches to see if any carolers would be willing to sing as well. Motion by Bissonette seconded by Wabanimkee to approve the carriage rides. Motion CARRIED (3-0)

Motion by Wabanimkee seconded by Bissonette to change the September meeting to September 27, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Motion CARRIED (3-0)

Motion by Wabanimkee seconded by Bissonette to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. Motion CARRIED (3-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk/Treasurer