



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Gina Calhoun, Chair
Lynne Fitzgerald
Martha Lottes
Robin Parker
Timothy Pilcher
Sarah Whelan, Co-Chair
Rachel Wise, Secretary

MEETING: December 8, 2022, P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER: Was made at 7:06 PM by Gina Calhoun, Chair.

ROLL CALL:

- Lynne Fitzgerald – Present
- Martha Lottes – Absent
- Robin Parker – Present
- Timothy Pilcher – Present
- Sarah Whelan, Co-Chair – Absent
- Gina Calhoun, Chair – Present
- Rachel Wise, Secretary – Absent

No members of the public were in attendance.

- **Public Comment**

None.

- **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: Thursday, November 10, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting was made by Gina Calhoun. The motion was seconded. There were no changes or comments regarding the minutes. Motion passed, 4-0.

- **Hess Park Clean Up**

Feedback from the Hess Park clean-up was discussed. Thank you to Brian from the Borough for providing tools, (especially the weed wacker), and to the Borough for providing the truck for debris. Despite a lower attendance than last year, much work was completed. Discussed what other options we have for this type of event for higher turnout. Changing the hours until later on a Saturday, better advertising, more frequent social media output leading up to the event, or changing the day, maybe until a Sunday afternoon? It was suggested we look at lit drops to borough residences, especially in the area of the park, as well as ask borough churches to advertise in their weekly bulletins.

- **Soldier's Christmas**

Items were dropped off for the Soldier's Christmas program. Martha Lottes will contact Marie Cherry to arrange for delivery for sending. Will follow up with Martha for details.

- **Easter Egg Hunt 2023 – Loose Plan for the Hunt**

Gina Calhoun will contact Christine Hart, Borough Manager, to confirm the date. Items to add for efficiency and organization were discussed. This will continue to be an action item.

- Rope off areas until hunt begins, monitor each area.
- Stagger times by age group – with start times of 11:00 AM, 11:15 AM and 11:30 AM, starting with pre-k to kindergarten, then 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades, and then older children.
- Post signage that states “**Check your eggs for prizes**”.
- No more “Golden Eggs”.
- Order more prefilled Eggs, turnout was good, pre-k group did not have enough eggs.

- **Summer Kick-Off 2023 Planning Continuing Updates**

Gina Calhoun is keeping an active google doc of all confirmations and declines from vendors contacted regarding the event. We discussed looking at additional add-ins like wine and spirits, along with the microbrews. Suggestions included Stone and Key (winery), Spirit Express (a non-beer spirits vendor), and will get in touch with McAllister's. Ten-7 has been contacted.

Members discussed that more porta-potties and trashcans would be beneficial. Austin, Pack Leader at Troop 84, has confirmed that the Scout Cabin will be open to the public for bathroom use during the event. The recycling option is not favored as two bins for both trash and recycling will require more labor-intensive cleanup by the Borough staff. We will continue to seek more food trucks with higher turnout with the addition of fireworks this year. The committee will continue to work on sourcing vendors. Local borough businesses were contacted to see if they are interested in participating as well as organizations that had provided kids' activities. Gina will contact Little's about their trailer. Follow up with contacting Alice's Bakery and Green Fork; Lynne has contacted, Everything Bagel, Tex-Mex, Boy Scouts, and the North Penn Art Alliance; The Boy Scouts and the North Penn Art Alliance have confirmed, with the Art Alliance requesting pop up cover, table, and chairs, which we can provide. Sarah will contact the Police Chief about bike helmet giveaway; we will get confirmation once Sarah has spoken to the Chief. The band “Tube Top Mommas” has been hired for the event. Continuing discussion about waiting for guidelines for committee members to seek sponsors for fireworks, seeking direction by Borough Administration on procedures, no duplicity.

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Gina Calhoun. Seconded by multiple members. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Attest: Lynne Fitzgerald, for Parks and Recreation