



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING Thursday, January 12, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

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

MEETING: November 10, 2022, 7:12 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER: Made by Rachel Wise, Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

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

Three members of the public were in attendance: Elliot Sadlon, and Chris and Barb Adams.

- **Public Comment**

Members of the public who attended asked about the purpose and processes of the Parks and Recreation Board. The Board members in attendance responded with an explanation of the Board's processes and events.

- **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: Thursday, December 8, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting was made by Rachel. The motion was seconded by Lynne. There were no changes or comments regarding the minutes. Motion passed, 3-0 with 1 member abstaining.

- **Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 1**

The Board discussed this year's egg hunt and previously discussed details: utilizing age groups with a staggered start, roping off the areas for each age group, eliminating golden eggs, and notifying participants to check eggs for prize slips before they leave the event.

Martha suggested creating a script to announce rules so that on the day of the relevant details are shared with attendees, and other board members agreed that would be useful. Martha offered to work on a draft of this and share it at the next meeting. There was mention of the March meeting being used to stuff eggs. Rachel inquired about supplies such as rope and stakes, and Board members who attended last month's meeting relayed that Gina was going to contact Borough Manager Hart about ordering more eggs as well as the availability of supplies such as rope and stakes.

- **Summer Kick-Off – June 3rd**

Board members discussed plans for the 2nd Annual Summer Kick-Off event. Rachel said she will follow up with Green Fork and Alice's Bakery now that the new year has started as they may have a clearer idea about staffing and their ability to participate. Lynne said Tex-Mex and Everything Bagel have the information and may be interested but have not confirmed yet. Members discussed that Gina had shared information that Lunchboxxx and Funnel Cake food trucks have confirmed, as well as that Love food truck has not responded so they will be removed from the list of participating vendors at this point. Members also discussed that Gina has been in touch with My Place Club, who confirmed that they will bring games again this year, and the program that gave free bike helmets will participate again as well. Members talked about the possibility of another wine and spirits vendor, which there is still interest in pursuing. The band, Tube Top Mamas, is confirmed. There is a tentative plan for fireworks this year which would be rain or shine. There was discussion of not having a rain date due to food trucks being booked elsewhere on other dates.

- **Community Garden – May 20th**

Members discussed plans for this year's Community Garden event at the Fourth Street Park. Rachel offered to contact the Master Gardener speaker who volunteered last year, and members expressed support for this. Rachel will see if she is available again, if not then Rachel will inquire about other Master Gardeners available to speak. Members discussed planning for several tables with different activities/points of interest. Martha will bring plants and roots for children to examine, and Rachel will bring materials for seed planting in newspaper pots. Other ideas for tables include flower identification and compost.

A concern was raised regarding the need to get more people involved in the maintenance of the gardens once planted as well as in harvesting and using the vegetables. Martha shared that the Boy Scouts are working on a box to have informational flyers encouraging people to utilize the garden. There was discussion of having a specific schedule of checking in amongst committee members and interested volunteers so that there is more consistent follow-through and shared responsibility. There was discussion of the importance of advertising the event on May 20th, with ideas of an announcement on the signs in town, posting online, and word of mouth. Rachel offered to work on drafting a flyer and then share/revise as needed.

- **Other Items**

Rachel raised the idea of looking into adding more perennial native plants in the rain garden in Hess Park; Rachel and Lynne had discussed the benefits of this while working on park clean-up day. Rachel will request that this item be added to next month's agenda.

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Rachel. Seconded by multiple members. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Attest: Rachel Wise
Secretary for Parks and Recreation