



Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

5:30pm

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Steve Donahue at 5:29pm
 - b. Roll was taken by Michelle Brennan. Teresa Smith and Susan McLaughlin were not present.
- II. Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved
 - i. Motion made by Chet
 - ii. 2nd: Ryan
- III. Public Comment
 - a. No public present
- IV. New Business
 1. Programs & Events
 - a. Winter Farmers' Market—Third Thursday of each month at Senior Center (April 18—last one)
 - i. Good Attendance – steady 85 – 125 visitors
 - ii. Vendors are happy
 1. Like the once a month
 - b. Easter Bunny Breakfast FULL—162
 - i. 40 families
 - ii. Collision Minsteries is going to cook/serve Breakfast
 - iii. Egg Hunt is open to all and starts at 11:30am
 - c. Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Numbers Down
 - i. 135 – 140 down at the end of registration
 - ii. Still accepting late registrations with a \$10.00 late fee
 - iii. Teams are being capped due to trouble getting volunteer coaches
 - iv. Softball – new divisions
 1. 9U
 2. 12U

- 3. 13U was removed, 5 refunds given
 - v. Looking at some alternate options for future
 - 1. Possibly partnering with other communities
 - d. Arbor Day—April 26—4:00pm Spangler
 - i. Working on adding Native Plantings in addition to our Tree Plantings
 - e. COSI Science Festival—May -1-4, 2019
 - i. Advertising program soon
 - ii. Science Festival May 1-4, 2019
 - 1. Pollinator Garden – Activities - Seeds – Create your own
- 2. Tomato Festival—August 8, 9, 10, 2019
 - a. Thursday Night
 - i. LDNL – Lt. Dan’s New Legs
 - b. Friday Night
 - i. Black Coffee
 - 1. Won Battle of the Bands with QFM96
 - a. QFM96 doing a radio package for advertising
 - ii. Great White
 - c. Saturday Night
 - i. North to Nashville
 - 1. Local Band
 - 2. Good following
 - ii. Phil Vassar
 - d. Update
 - i. Sponsorships are low
 - ii. \$6000.00 in hand, \$8000.00 verbal
 - iii. Hoping for additional monies to come in
 - iv. Will take place at Huber Park
 - v. Requesting an Alcohol Permit from council
 - 1. Beer Garden, Wine, Bloody Mary Bar
 - 2. Be able to walk around grounds with alcohol
 - vi. New items
 - 1. National chili cookoff
 - 2. Tomato Wars
 - vii. Hours
 - 1. Thursday and Friday 4:00pm – 11:00pm
 - 2. Saturday 10:00am – 11:00pm
 - viii. History of the event (Question per Chet)
 - 1. Not held in 2018
 - 2. Previously put on by volunteer/non-profit group

- 3. This year will be put on by the City of Reynoldsburg
- 4. Goal – Bring the Community together
- 5. Previous challenges
 - a. Sponsorships
 - b. Attendance
 - c. No rides
- 3. Renting the Senior Center
 - a. Hoping to make this a reality soon
 - b. Will have a deposit and a fee
 - c. Will have a staff person onsite at every rental
- 4. JFK Park Improvements
 - a. Demo Restroom and concession stand
 - b. Building a new combo building to house both
 - c. Will have vending options
 - d. Also hoping to upgrade playground equipment
- 5. Senior Center Report (Chet McMullen)
 - a. Fill dirt has arrived and will be landscaping and adding flower beds to surround the new paved patio
 - b. New tires have been put on the Bus
 - c. Looking into purchasing a new bus and a new van with a donation that the Senior Center received from an anonymous donor
 - d. The new bench has been received and is located near the patio
 - e. The Senior Center will be providing a lunch for the AARP tax helpers as a Thanks You
 - f. 90 year old luncheon will be May 29 at City BBQ
 - g. Volunteer bunch will be April 17 at 10:00am
 - h. Senior Prom is scheduled for May 11 6-9pm
 - i. Will have a catered dinner and DJ
 - i. Ireland trip meeting scheduled for April 23 at 1:00pm at Flannigans
 - j. Membership continues to increase each year
- 6. Reynoldsburg City School Report (Susan McLaughlin)
 - a. No report given

V. Other/Old Business

- 1. New Rodebaugh Rd Park---Let's think of a new name!
- 2. Next Meeting— April 17, 2019 5:30pm

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm
 - i. Motion to adjourn: Chet
 - ii. 2nd: Ryan