

Parks & Events June 18, 2007

In attendance

John Ellis
Ivy Wells
Jeannie Nichols
Charles Schelle Gazette
Jennifer Kelley
Sue Dolan
Billy Shifflett
Frank Robert
Lois Graham
Joan Zimmerman
Katie Jones Eagle
Christine Sevick excused due to Son's 3rd birthday.

Jeannie opened with a short history of the 13 years of Parks & Rec Committee

Current events

1. Family Fun Day July 7th, 2007 11-3 p.m.

Jeannie will Coordinate this year
Still seeking volunteers
Mary Harris will coordinate for Next year Entire cost will be \$4k
Originally family event , with lunch no expensive purchases....

This year: Kinder Man
Roger Lindsay Magician
Piney Run Nature Center
Pony rides, Moon bounce, obstacle course, Basketball toss, kiddie games

2. Concerts in the Park

They begin on July 13th Ivy Wells will coordinate
Gazette has sponsored this in the past.
August 17th Last band night

3. April Easter Egg Hunt (it has been small in Past)

4. Golf outing April of each year

2007 profit of \$2,000 was donated to Little Sykes and Gatehouse
Last year given to Fire and Police Departments
Frank Robert & Bob Martin co – Chair
Gary Clark & Janet Jacobe
Discussion about the budget ensued. John Ellis to follow up and find out where the money from the Parks& Rec line item figures into the mix. Jeannie stated that this year's \$6k budget requests to fund the above 4 events was not to be taken from the general fund but

would be taken from the Current \$30k parks & Rec carryover fund. More investigation to clarify these monies will be performed.

All those in attendance agreed that a new budget would need to be developed and taken to the Town Council.

Other former and current ideas were discussed:

Stories in the Park Formerly sponsored by the Library on Wednesday mornings could be supplemented by asking the Likely Story book store if interested.

Softball league by Kevin Roberts

SBA Train Festival October 2nd or third Week

SBA Santa Saturday in December

Little Sykes Railroad Richard Doxzen

Sykesville's Art Group led by Gail Ratley joined with the Strawberry Festival this year.

Halloween Judging we could join with and assist the SBA in their sponsored the event

Nightmare in Cooper Park.... We have the Location Just need a group or someone to run it...

Outdoor Movie Night...was discussed also

Partnering with Middle School

Ralph Billings or with the Police Chief John Williams

Brainstorming Ideas that were presented were:

1. Outdoor Movie Night
2. Ice Cream Social
3. Murder Mystery Night
4. Partner with SBA in their Seasonal events
5. South Branch Park Skateboard or Roller Hockey?
6. Tennis Court
7. Teen Band Night Target would be Middle School
Back to School Night for Middle School
8. Fireworks
9. Scavenger Hunt
10. Century Homecoming Parade Something at the Cooper Park afterwards
Jennifer

11. 3 on 3 basketball with Police at Sykes Middle
12. Racing Partnering with Boy Scouts etc
13. June 29th, 1863 celebration

Afterwards volunteers were sought to lead various events.

1. Stories in the Park Jennifer Kelly will contact the Library and a Likely Story
2. Halloween Judging Sue Dolan
3. Christmas Cookies Sue Dolan
4. Easter Egg Hunt Sue Dolan
5. Outdoor Movie Night Billy Shifflett & Frank Robert & Christine Sevick (late August)
6. Something in Cooper Park after the Century Homecoming Parade (Rally, Party not a Bonfire?) (October)
7. Back to School Band Night at Cooper Park Jennifer Kelly

Problems with promoting Events....

Signage was discussed such as Banner over Main Street or Next to Main Street.

Signs near 32 at Cooper Park, Signs in Park & Ride area, Signs at 32 and Sandosky , and Signs on the Weigh station Near Apple Butter Building

Jeannie suggested that we Need List of Volunteers for Snack Bar and Volunteers to be background checked, Town would pay the cost.

Ivy Wells and Billy Shifflett agreed to Join the Parks & Events Committee.
Current members Jennifer Kelly and Susan Dolan.

These four have made it known that they wish to be members, Frank Robert Liaison will take their names to the Mayor for Approval by the Town Council. Frank Robert will contact Christine Sevick to see her level of commitment.

Next meeting definitely will be August 20th, 2007 7:00 p.m There is a possibility of a small meeting July 16th if possible but some members cannot make it...

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Adjourned 8:50p.m Thank you!!!