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Meeting called to order by Chairman Icenhower at 6:01pm.

Roll Call: Stacey McCormick-present, Brittany Counterman-present, Regina Cooke-present, Jerra Icenhower-present, Tonia Vickery-present, Johnnie Collins-present

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by B. Counterman to add discuss and/or approve basketball and fall into fun event at the park. McCormick seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

Motion was made by Vickery to approve agenda. Cooke seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

Public Forum: CT Ogle and Hannah Meese addressed the board asking for use of the baseball/softball fields for practicing purposes. They would be practicing on Monday nights from 6:00pm until 8:00pm and Wednesday from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. This is the attentive schedule until Christmas. Cooke made a motion for CT and Hannah to be allowed to use the ball fields on Mondays from 6:00pm until 8:00pm and Wednesdays from 5:00pm until 8:00pm, unless there is an event in the park happening that night. The only thing on the schedule from now until Christmas is flag football, which ends October 30, 2023. B. Counterman seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

Old Business: 1. Leon from The Historical Society let the board know the park would have to add the Historical Society to the parks insurance to use the trollies for the hayride. B. Counterman wants to use the Parks tractor and use a trailer from K. Counterman and have a waiver for everyone to sign as they enter the event and get a wristband. B. Counterman stated M. Mullis has agreed to drive the tractor for the event. If it rains and the ground is to wet the hayride will be cancelled. Parents must be with children twelve (12) and under for the hayride and s'mores. Siblings sixteen (16) and older can accompany younger siblings for the hayride and s'mores. The American Legend is planning to have a tent with Chili, they need to set up close to power. In the event it does rain and the event is unable to be held outside, B. Counterman suggested moving it to the FEMA or change weekends and hold the event on November 4th, 2023. Icenhower made a motion to move forward with the hayride if the park has insurance for it, everyone has signed a waiver and received a wristband, and move the event to November 4th, 2023, in the event of rain. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

2. Vickery spoke with the city clerk about hotspot: City Clerk had received an email from T-Mobile stating they are available in our area now. It is portable and can be used at other locations. The cost for T-Mobile is roughly \$50.00 per month. McCormick wants to go with T-Mobile as we have been trying to get internet for the park set up for a while.

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McCormick made a motion to use T-Mobile. B. Counterman seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

- 3. Project Graduation has decided not to do the Haunted Trail.
- **4.** Vickery went to the post office and brought pricing for a post office box. X-small box would run \$4.62/month, \$56.04/year, small box would run \$6.00/month, \$72.00/year. Icenhower made a motion to get a x-small box. Vickery seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes
- **5.** One major issue from the sports surveys, was communication. Parents were not happy with not knowing what was going on, schedules were put out last minute, kids being added to teams late in the season, pictures not being scheduled in a timely manner. Everyone liked the football shirts. B. Counterman said some moms are getting teams together for basketball and will be playing in Strafford because of the chaos that happened during flag football.

New Business: 1. Icenhower said there is no reason to increase limits on credit cards. Icenhower is going to go before the board of aldermen and request a Sams credit card for the use of the concession stand only, with a \$1500.00 limit. Using a Sams credit card for the concession stand will give the park rewards, such as 5% cash back when used at Sams, 3% cash back when purchases are made online and 1% cash back when used anywhere else. The board can use the cash back for future purchases. Icenhower is going to cancel B. Counterman's credit card. Vickery made a motion for the chairman, vice-chairman, Concession stand manager to a credit card and remove sports director and grounds keeper from having a credit card. Icenhower seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes.

- **2.** McCormick will get a sign-up sheet together for concession stand volunteers, B. Counterman stated she has a couple of parents that have agreed to help in the concession stand. There needs to be at least one board member in the concession stand at all times. Concession stands for basketball tabled until closer to basketball.
- **3.** Vickery wants to remove community events from the sports director and add it to the park director. Icenhower made a motion to approve new job descriptions. McCormick seconded the motion. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-no, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes. Please see the new job descriptions attached.
- **4.** Vickery would like to have employees filling out time sheets and bringing them to the meeting showing what time has been put into working for their job.
- **5.** Vickery suggested whenever a board member or employee has property of the park, laptops, credit cards, etc.. they would need to sign an acknowledgement of receipt of property. Cooke

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made a motion to adapt the acknowledgement of receipt of park property. Vickery seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

- **6.** Drag mat tabled until November
- 7. Vickery has brought to the board's attention; the parks need some maintenance done. Basketball courts not being taken care of and maintained. -Vickery is wanting to clean up the basketball courts but wants to know what the timeline is for the master plan. Icenhower stated long term the basketball courts would be moved to the bigger park and pickleball would be added where the basketball courts are currently. The long-term goal for the park next to the police station is for it to be made into a "quiet park." Easy access for senior citizens, adding a community garden, glider swings, pickle ball and a smaller walking trail. Icenhower would like to get a timeline together and let Kacie know we would like to see blueprints by then for the masterplan for the park. Vickery believes all board members need to get together and go look at both parks and see what maintenance needs to be done now, fix it and keep it maintained. Cooke reminded all board members we would not all be able to go together as it would be considered a meeting and we would have to have an agenda and meeting minutes, Vickery suggested we go on our own and let the board know what we find. B. Counterman agreed stating Vickery may not be focusing on the same things as B. Counterman would be and vice versa. The Board all agreed to go out and visit both parks, checking out equipment, landscape, signs, etc and letting the board know what they find so we can start getting repairs done quickly.
- **8.** B. Counterman has basketball uniform quotes. Please see attached sheets. Cooke likes the idea of having full uniforms, however, feels this year we should do the reversible jerseys and work towards getting full uniforms. Icenhower gave all board members copies of sponsorships she would like to see the park implementing and would like each board member to try and get one sponsorship. The sponsorship would help pay for the cost of uniforms. Icenhower tabled uniforms until November meeting.
- **9.** B. Counterman would like to use the High School Basketball boys for referees for basketball and would like to also pay the team to do the score keeping. B. Counterman would like to get regular medals to hand to everyone at the end of the season, she would also like to have a sportsmanship award go out to one player in each division, and championship rings go out to the winner of the tournaments. Vickery made a motion to pay the high school basketball team \$15.00 per game per each referee, two (2) referees max per game, and \$10.00 per game to the basketball team to keep score, max of two (2) scorekeepers needed for each time slot of games. Collins seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes.

Business Report:

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Treasure report: N/A

Committee reports: Concessions are doing well.

Approve meeting minutes: Motion made by McCormick to approve October 10, 2023, meeting minutes. B. Counterman seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-abstained

Adjournment: Motion was made by Vickery to adjourn at 8:34pm. McCormick seconded. McCormick-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Vickery-yes, Collins-yes

