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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, November 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards (arrived 7:07pm), Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Gary Remley and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 special meeting as presented. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Tom Edwards arrived late and did not vote on this motion.)

Chairman's Comments- Sean Loughran noted that:

- The Turkey Run will be held this Sunday, November 20th
- The Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 26th with a rain/snow date of Sunday, November 27th.

Buildings and Grounds update

Mike Ellenberg noted that the docks have been taken out and some of the fingers on the dock are broken. D&D will give a price on what it costs to fix this and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Director's update

Haunting on the Hollow

Linda Lull gave an update of the Haunting on the Hollow. The gross income for this was approximately \$6,000.00 which is split between the Town and the Production Company.

There was a discussion of having the Haunting on the Hollow next year with suggestions of a possible different venue and no buses. Possible venues for next year included the property

behind the Senior Center including the Historical Houses or Hidden Valley and including Meeting House Hill School. There is a different theme every year.

Turkey Run

Jobs were distributed for the Turkey Run and everyone should be at the high school by 7am. There are 340 runners signed up so far. Advertisements for the Turkey Run have been announced on 98.Q on the radio and sponsored by HART Transit. There was a discussion of where the timer should set up his equipment. There is a new sign for the finish line.

Holiday Light Parade

Jobs were distributed for the Holiday Light Parade that will be held on November 26th at 5:15pm. Books will be given by Santa Claus at the library. Commission members will each bring cookies to distribute. There was a discussion of kiddie rides on Memorial Field and it was decided to try it for this year. Linda Lull will look into getting donations of cookies from local businesses.

Subcommittee Reports

Waterfront- Will be discussed over the winter

Rebel Turf bathrooms- The bathrooms at Rebel Turf will be closed for the winter on Monday, Nov. 28th. Mike Ellenberg spoke of some damage that was done at the Rebel Turf bathrooms. An insurance claim was submitted for this damage. After the check was received, more damage was discovered. There will be a follow up as to whether or not this would be included in the same deductible.

Audio Equipment- Fred Testor spoke of the replacement of audio equipment for Rebel Turf and suggested that the Parks and Rec Commission purchase an amplifier and two speakers. It was decided that Linda Lull will order this through Amazon.com and will spend up to \$1,000.00.

Parks and Rec storage

Mike Ellenberg noted that Parks and Rec needs to clean out the utility room at Town Hall where some of their equipment is stored. There was a discussion of options for this and it was suggested buying a 20 foot storage container for approximately \$3,000. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

2017 Calendar of Meetings

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the 2017 schedule of meetings as presented. Jim Ogden seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment- Steve Burfeind made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)