

Minutes for Sept. 29, 2014 Meeting of Litchfield Park and Recreation Commission

Present: James Keller, President; Ed Fabbri, Lisa Bauer, Helen Bunnell and Brent Hawkins, Director

Absent: Ann McCarthy

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Jim Keller.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes were approved from April as moved by Ed Fabbri and seconded by Lisa Bauer.

Monthly Budget Report – Accepted as presented.

Comments from the Public – None

Commissioner's Request- Ed Fabbri for Community Field

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Camp: Brent reported on Summer Camp being more successful this year, due to various factors, including a great staff and more activities. Suggestions were taken for next year's camp.

Concerts: Brent also updated the commissioners on the concerts. They were well attended when not rained out and raised money and awareness for local food banks. Discussion ensued about potential rain sites if possible.

Summer XC Series: Brent reported that Dave Driscoll and his volunteers had another successful series of races with participants in all age groups. Races ranged from 1.2 miles through 3.1 miles in length and most races saw at least 100 participants.

Red Sox – The Bus Trip to Fenway was fun in spite of the final score. Lisa Beyer ran the show and we made a small profit.

New Business – Ed Fabbri asked for an update of Community Field and the improvements to be done by Public Works. Brent reported that he and Jack Healy had just down a "walk around" of the field to make a punch list to get it ready for winter and also be ahead of the game for a spring re-opening. On the list were tree cutting, brush removal, bench repair and more.

2015 Block Party - Brent suggested that the Block Party should be moved to the green where most of the people stay during the concert. Many suggestions were made from having different types of entertainment for the evening from fire eaters, to jugglers, magicians, plus Rap Music, Country Bands and DJs. The band's stage was also talks about, but the commission decided to table the decision until later when more information was available.

Holiday Stroll – The date for the Holiday Stroll and Light Up Night is November 30th. Brent said the committee has meet twice already and that he has secured the songbooks and the LHS musicians, singers and music teachers for the event. He said, all things seems to be lining up for the event well.

Director's Report – The Director's Report was accepted as submitted.

Adjournment – Jimmy Keller made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ed Fabbri. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

J. Brent Hawkins, Director

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