

## Recreation Arts and Special Events

### Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2021

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian



By Approval Date: July 12, 2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Janet Haroian. The meeting was held in person at City Hall. Members in attendance at City Hall were Janet Haroian, Suzanne Weiss, Josh Fark, Charles Schmidt and Tanner Alexander.

Parks staff in attendance at City Hall included Nate Tingley, Trina Vetter, Canee' Brown and Amy Baxter. The Police Department was represented by Lt. Chris Byrne who attended at City Hall. Also at City Hall was Jeff Kennedy who represented Kicks on Route 66.

- II. Minutes read from May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting – Alexander made a motion to pass the minutes, Fark seconded the motion. The motion to pass the minutes was passed unanimously.

#### III. Events and Facilities Requests:

- a) **Kicks on Route 66:** Kicks on 66' Car Show: The event will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the American Legion. Kennedy gave a summary of the event. There will be some set up done on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 11 am to 2 pm on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be ceremonies at 12 pm to honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. Event organizers are expecting 300 to 500 cars. Boy Scouts and other groups will be involved in the event. Kennedy mentioned a gun ship and several helicopters will also be at the event. Lt. Byrne encouraged Kennedy to promote the event in order to prepare the public for the gun ship and helicopters being in the area. 4 food trucks have been confirmed for the event. Vetter said that the food trucks have to be licensed with Madison County and the City of Edwardsville. Alcohol will be sold by a vendor and by the Legion. Kennedy said they would like police help with guiding people across the street and getting cars off the property at 157. After a discussion about this, the language on the application was changed to "intermittent release of traffic on 157 starting at 2 pm." Lt. Byrne mentioned that there will be a fee for police presence and he also needs an itinerary of the event activities beforehand. Weiss made the motion to pass the event with the previous contingencies. Schmidt seconded the motion. The event was passed unanimously with the contingences.

#### IV. Recreation Report

- a) Brown gave an update. Plummer Park is doing very well and has had many rentals.
- b) Youth Sand Volleyball and Adult Softball are going well at Winston Brown. There is a Youth Sand Volleyball tournament on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

- c) Pee wee t-ball is finishing up.
  - d) Edwardsville Parks and Recreation and teamed up with Roxana Parks and Recreation to play girls softball.
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- e) The 3 v 3 basketball tournament has been rescheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - f) The splash pad opened on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for reservations due to the current COVID guide lines.

#### **V. Program Report**

- a) Vetter gave an update on special events. The Summer Kickoff event was on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and had a good turnout. There were 11 vendors and 250 ice creams were given out.
- b) The Edwardsville Symphony had their first concern on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. It is estimated that 250 people attended.
- c) Route 66 will be held on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 11 pm. There will be market place vendors, a family zone with games, music, and food vendors. Vetter mentioned that she is still looking for food vendors.
- d) The weekend after Route 66 (June 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>) is when the Summer Arts in the Park series start. Children's Art in the Park will begin Saturday morning. There will be a movie in the park that night. The Fishing Derby will also be held that Saturday at LeClaire Lake Park.

#### **VI. Director's Report**

- a) Nate Tingley reported that staff is rotating to be present at the various city events and the Wildey Theatre is getting staffed up with the goal of getting the theatre's finances back in the black. Seasonal laborers have been hired for summer work. Mowing at Plummer Family Park is to be contracted out this year and next year, the same is likely for The Center. He also reported that the pool at SIUE will be filled to test the systems for next year, summer 2022, at an estimated cost of \$2,000-\$3,000.
- b) In addition, he stated that the Children's Museum is expected to re-open on June 12th, the overflow pipe at the Watershed Nature Center has been repaired, and more rock will be placed on the trails. He noted the colorful flowerpots in the downtown area filled by the Tree and Beautification Commission.

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.