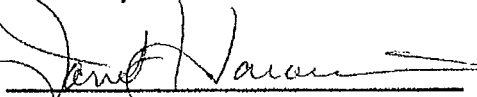


**Recreation Arts and Special Events
Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021**

Approved Signature: /s/ J. Haroian

By Approval Date: 11-2-2021



- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Janet Haroian. The meeting was held in person at City Hall. Members in attendance at City Hall were Janet Haroian, Jeanette Mallon, Josh Fark, Tanner Alexander, and Suzanne Weiss.

Parks staff in attendance at City Hall included Nate Tingley, Canee' Brown, Trina Vetter, Trevor Spohr, and Catherine Keck. The Police Department was represented by Lt. Chris Byrne.

- II. Janet Haroian welcomed the new Parks and Recreation employee Catherine Keck.
- III. There were no Public Comments
- IV. Minutes read from August meetings – Motion to approve by Suzanne Wiess and seconded by Jeanette Mallon. Upon a voice vote with the “ayes” having the majority, Chair Janet Haroian ordered the August 3, 2021 minutes approved.

V. Events and Facilities Requests:

- a) **Global Brew – Fall Beer Fest:** A Representative from Global Brew was not present at the board meeting, therefore Trina Vetter gave the report. The Fall Beer Fest will be held on October 23, 2021 at the City Park. The 2021 Fall Beer Fest will be planned the same as past Global Brew events. Global Brew will be donating 10% of the event's proceeds to PGA Hope. Global Brew has donated past proceeds to the Edwardsville Parks and Recreation, Gori Mesothelioma and Folds of Honor. The Fall Beer Fest will consist of a food court, food truck, beer trailers, bands, and a vendor market. The event will need Police support and Lt. Chris Byrne reported the use of two officers for the event in the past. Global Brew is requesting the East Park Street be closed between Kansas Street and Buchanan Street from 3:00pm on October 22, 2021 through 7:00am on October 24, 2021.

Janet Haroian addressed the application should be clear on available areas for patrons parking. Trina Vetter informed the board that she has revised the Special Event Permit Application and going forward the information should be more straight forward and easier for the applicant to complete.

Lt. Chris Byrne inquired on the audit process to ensure that the for-profit organizations were fulfilling the 10% charity donation. Trina Vetter reported the for-profit organization are required to provide a canceled check or paid receipt to the City of Edwardsville Finance Department as verification of donation.

Motion to approve the Global Brew Fall Beer Fest made by Tanner Alexander and seconded by Josh Fark. Upon a voice vote with the “ayes” having the majority, Chair Janet Haroian ordered the event approved.

- b) **American Legion Post 199 - Veterans Day Parade:** A Representative from American Legion Post 199 was not present at the board meeting, therefore Trina Vetter gave the report. The Veterans Day Parade will be on November 11, 2021. The Parade will be planned the same as past Veterans Day Parades and utilizing the 2020 shortened route.

Motion to approve by Suzanne Weiss and seconded by Jeanette Mallon. Upon a voice vote with the “ayes” having the majority, Chair Janet Haroian ordered the event approved.

- c) **Edwardsville Police Department – National Night Out:** Trina Vetter gave the report. The National Night Out is a community outreach event and will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021. The event will require the East Park St. between South Kansas and South Buchanan to be closed. There will be inflatable rides.

Motion to approve by Tanner Alexander and seconded by Josh Fark. Upon a voice vote with the “ayes” having the majority, Chair Janet Haroian ordered the event approved.

VI. Recreation Report

Trevor Spohr gave the Recreation Report.

- a) The Summer Men’s Softball League concluded on September 2, 2021. The concessions revenue for this league was \$12,900.
- b) Fall Adult Softball will begin on September 16, 2021. There are 14 teams registered compared to 2020 of 10 teams and 2019 of 8 teams.
- c) Fall Kickball has 10 Women’s teams and 7 co-ed teams.
- d) Youth Rugby registrations are at 5 and the goal is 10 before the session starts on September 12, 2021.
- e) Pickleball tournament is scheduled for September 25, 2021 and September 26, 2021 at Plummer Park. 170 participants are registered. The tournament is being managed by the local OMG pickleball club.
- f) Youth Kickball Tournament is scheduled for October 2, 2021. The tournament has 8 kids currently registered. If additional kids do not sign up, Spohr and Brown will turn the tournament into a kickball fun day at Plummer Park.
- g) Mud Volleyball is scheduled for September 18, 2021. There is only has 1 team registered. 2019 had 12 teams. Spohr and Brown will decide by September 10, 2021 whether to cancel the tournament due to low participation.

- h) Brown reported that the Youth Basketball has 74 kids registered with a goal of 200 registrations. Past years have only had 100-120 registrations. Spohr reported the Youth Basketball has ordered new, bright and vibrant uniforms based on the NBA team themes. The Parks and Recreation and sponsor's logos will be on the uniforms with numbers on the back. The registration for Youth Basketball will close the first week in October and the District will decide if the Parks and Recreation can use the facilities the last week of September.
- i) Plummer Park
 - (1) GlenEd is there Monday – Thursday nights
 - (2) SLYSA games is there on Saturday, 12pm – 9pm and Sunday, 10am -6pm. Concessions for SLYSA was budgeted \$400 per weekend and SLYSA concessions is averaging \$1,000 per day.
 - (3) YMCA started practices on September 9, 2021 and their games will begin September 11, 2021. YMCA has 82 total teams.
 - (4) Friday nights are scheduled for practices
- j) Splash Pad
 - (1) Very popular for rentals and operations
 - (2) Staffing has stopped but the facility is still open
- k) Future Programs
 - (1) Parks and Recreation is looking to partner with the District Winter Trick Shot Challenge
 - (2) Adult Basketball will be starting in January - February

VII. Program Report

Trina Vetter reported on events and activities through August.

- a) Movies in the Park: "Tom & Jerry" was held on August 7, 2021 and attracted about 100 people. The movie was sponsored by Lisa Davis ReMax Realty. Trina felt the later time slot effects attendance, however Edwardsville turnout numbers are higher than the surrounding areas.
- b) Shakespeare in the Park with Othello was held August 14, 2021. It was a well-received program. This was the first year the company performed in parks, prior years they only performed in schools. The company expressed interest on returning to the City Park in 2022.
- c) The Summer Symphony had a great performance.

- d) The Municipal Band was rained at on August 26, 2021 and concluded their season.
- e) September Events:
 - 1) Movie in the Park – “Scoob” was rescheduled to September 4, 2021 due to a rainout
 - 2) RetroNerds is also a rain makeup. It will now Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 8:00pm
 - 3) Opera Edwardsville is scheduled for September 10, 2021. There are over 800 people interested on Facebook in attending this event.
 - 4) Summer Symphony rain date makeup is scheduled for September 19, 2021. This will be the last performance for the summer.
 - 5) Chautauqua and Kicks on 66 Car Cruise and Show are on September 11, 2021.
 - 6) The Edwardsville Art Fair is scheduled for September 24, 2021 through September 26, 2021

VIII. Directors Report

- a) Nate Tingley, Director, discussed the process of the upkeep of the pool located at SIUE. They did the final testing and Nate will give a concluding report to Mayor Art Risavy and the City Administrator, Kevin Head on the status. There is a leak in the seam between the vertical wall and the shallow-end floor. The entire seam may have to be re-caulked. Nate Tingley’s recommendation is to proceed with the understanding the costs may persist with capital improvements on an older facility.
- b) The RP Lumber CENTER construction continues to go well and the crews are making good progress. The roof panels will soon be installed and the crew’s progress will not be so much on weather dependent. A lot of the site work is slated to be completed this Fall so the parking lot can be paved before Spring. TheCENTER is relatively not experiencing delays due to the material shortage and the project has been kept pretty much on schedule.
- c) Parks and Recreation continues the conversations with other user groups. The Children’s Museum lease agreement will be renewed to include additional space for a storage shed and a concrete patio for a play area. Also, Park and Recreation has begun discussions of developing lease agreements with the Friends of the Stephenson House, Watershed and GlenEd little league.

IX. Open Floor

- a) Lt. Chris Byrne reported that a program called Hireback will provide officer coverage for the Edwardsville Art Fair.
- b) Nate Tingley, Trina Vetter, and Lt. Chris Byrne have been in conversations The City Attorney, Jeff Berkbigler, about the presence of an Edwardsville Police at events that serves alcohol. Jeff Berkbigler’s recommendation was that the Recreation Arts and

Special Events Board and the City Staff would consider the nature of the event and make the decision on a case-by-case basis if an officer should be present or not.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Haroian adjourned the meeting at 5:37 PM.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2021

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Keck