

Village of Kinderhook
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - November 8, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Present: Jennifer Blood, Dave Dellehunt, Shannon Eigenbrodt, Mark Plakias - Vice Chair,
Amber van Moessner - Chair

Other: Dorene Weir - Village Trustee Liaison

Absent: -

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2021.
Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.

Motion made to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2021.
Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: D. Dellehunt. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Governor Hochul’s Legislation for Transparency in State and Local Government; due to the recent legislation, meeting documents will be included with the agenda on the Kinderhook Village website for public viewing under the “Recreation Commission Documents” tab found in the left margin on the Village’s website. All monthly agendas will contain the link to this location for easy access to the documents.

Old Business:

Halloween Event Recapped:

- Great turnout and the weather held out!
- Village sound system needs improvement.
- Scavenger hunt was too quick, reconsider timing of events.
- Cider and donuts were gone in no time.
- Of the 149 bags of candy prepared along with 4 big bowls of candy, all that remained was less than a 1/2 bowl of candy.
- 3 treasure chests full of prizes were emptied out, need to replenish for next year.
- May want to consider ice cream certificates from Stewarts for those participants that did not receive a winning prize and for participants under 5 years old.

- A. van Moessner thanked D. Dellehunt and his family, Commission Members, Village Officials, and volunteers who participated in setting up, working the event, and take down.
- D. Weir to send thank you notes to donors/contributors.

Community Night

- D. Weir sent thank you notes to donors/contributors.

Playground Equipment Review

A. van Moessner to send the proposed playground equipment documents and grant information to the Commission members via email for their review and discussion for the upcoming December meeting. Recipient of the grant is expected to be announced prior to the December meeting.

Currently the Recreation Commission has \$20,000 reserved for playground equipment. If the grant is received, another \$40,000 will be available with a matching contribution required of \$40,000 via fundraising.

Alternate Member for Recreation Commission

Robert Fitzsimmons, Kinderhook Village Attorney, has provided Mark Browne, Village Trustee, with the language needed in order for the Village Committees and Commissions to select an alternate member for appointment by the Village Board. Discussion of the language and its approval will take place at this week's Village Board Meeting. D. Weir to update the Recreation Commission at next month's meeting.

New Business:

Candlelight Night - Saturday, December 3rd - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

The KBPA (Kinderhook Business Professional Association) requested assistance from the Recreation Commission with set-up for Candlelight Night. Since the KBPA has a full list of activities planned, discussion was had regarding assisting the KBPA for this event.

D. Weir announced Richard "Rich" Phillips, former Village Trustee, would like to donate a tree from his yard, approximately 10 ft in height to be placed in the Village bandstand. D. Weir suggested the Recreation Commission members decorate the tree with lights and incorporate a "tree lighting ceremony" during Candlelight Night. This suggestion was well received. The intention is to have the lighting take place at 7 pm and possibly D. Dellehunt (if he is available) to MC the ceremony. If D. Dellehunt is not available, it was suggested Mayor Leiser or a Village Trustee could MC this event.

If interested in decorating the tree with lights, please meet at the bandstand on Wednesday, December 1st at noon. The DPW will assist with tree preparation and bandstand placement.

Budget Update

D. Weir updated the Commission on budget funds remaining for event planning - \$217 remains, which does not include the expenses incurred for Halloween. As a result, funds from another budget line in the Recreation Commission's budget will need to be reduced to cover Halloween and upcoming events.

Library - Kite Flying Day - April, day TBD

The possibility of participating with the Library for Kite Flying Day was discussed. Readings, kite assembly, and flying contest are planned for 3 Saturdays in April. Although the Commission is interested, this is a busy time of year for the Recreation Commission as they prepare the budget, Spring Egg Hunt, and plan for the Summer Camp Program along with the hiring process of Summer Camp staff.

2022 Calendar of Events

A. van Moessner provided a list of dates/events proposed for calendar year 2022 for Commission Members review and input:

- **Budget Planning - February & March Meetings**
 - review/analyze/prepare budget in preparation for the 2022-23 budget cycle

- **Spring Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 26th**
 - discussion was had on past egg hunts at the House of History using the back large open field.
 - painted signs for various age groups are available and stored in the Village Hall for this event
 - approximately 2,000 plastic eggs needed, filled with candy
 - photos with the easter bunny (arrange with Elks)

- **NYS Grant Applications - June**

- **Juneteenth Event - Saturday, June 18th** (or 6/25th)
Celebrate African-American culture by:
 - creating an educational event, partnering with the Library
 - incorporate the "Persons of Color Cemetery" - National Register of Historic Places
 - invite speaker(s)
 - music
 - light refreshments

- **Movie Nights**
 - possibility of partnering with the Library

- **Summer Camp - July 11th - August 19th**
 - start in January/February preparing documents for County Health Dept.
 - D. Weir spoke with Barbara Berger, Town of Kinderhook Recreation Director, regarding their Health Consultant for their summer camp and the possibility of this position serving both the Village and the Town summer camps.
 - D. Weir to request a copy of the Town's safety plan, protocol/procedures, for review in preparing the Village's plan for summer camp purposes.
 - review and update hiring forms, start process in March

- **Yoga in the Park - Thursday, July 28th or August 4th**
 - outdoors, lawn or pavilion if it rains

- **Music in the Park - Thursday, July 28th or August 4th**
 - outdoors, Rothermel Park

- **Fire Truck Day - Saturday, August 6th or August 20th**
 - Rothermel Park

- **Fall Fest/Community Night - Saturday, September 17th**
 - Rothermel Park

- **Halloween - Saturday, October 29th**
 - Coordinate with KBPA

- **Candlelight Night - December 3rd or 10th**

D. Weir will lock in use of the Park/Pavilion as soon as above dates are confirmed.

Other Events in the Village - organized by the KBPA

- Fife & Drum Corp./Parade (May/June)
- Peoples Parade (July 4th)

Event Volunteer List

D. Weir suggested keeping a list of names of people who are willing to volunteer to assist with Recreation Commission events, but, not able at this time to become a Commission Member.

Town of Kinderhook - Partnering

A. van Moessner suggested reaching out to the Town of Kinderhook's Recreation Committee to cross-promote events and programs. D. Dellehunt who is also on the Town of Kinderhook's Recreation Committee mentioned the Recreation Committee meets a few times a year, is an advisory committee with no control on budget spending. The two major programs are the Soccer Program and the

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Summer Camp Program which also includes Valatie and Stuyvesant. There are very few other events planned. The Town recently acquired 75 acres, expanding the Town Park. A few ideas for use of these acres are mountain biking, golf, horseback riding. Recreation Committee members for the Town are: Mark Leinung, Ed Harrington, Sean Casey, Zachary Pinkowski, and Dave Dellehunt.

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: D. Dellehunt. Motion carried.

Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary
Recreation Commission