

**Village of Kinderhook**  
**Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2022**  
**Village Hall - In-Person**

**Present:** Amber van Moessner - Chair, Mark Plakias - Vice Chair, Quinn Murphy, Cammy Salazar, Peter Santamaria

**Absent:** Dave Dellehunt, Shannon Eigenbrodt

**Other:** Dorene Weir - Village Trustee Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

**Minutes:** Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2022. Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** -

**Old Business: Halloween**

Halloween event was very successful.

A. van Moessner received some feedback regarding the costume contest; request to have the contest by age group as opposed to gender. Commission members in agreement.

**Zoom Meetings**

D. Weir stated this topic would be discussed at the Village Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022. All are welcome to attend.

**Recruiting**

A. van Moessner recruited Richard Byrne who is interested in the Alternate position on the Commission.

Motion made to recommend Richard Byrne as an Alternate Commission Member. Request D. Weir to bring forward R. Byrne's name to the Village Board at their December 14, 2022 meeting.

Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: Q. Murphy. Motion carried.

### **Outdoor Sign - Repair Update**

C. Salazar spoke with MK Signs in Chatham and they had no record of the sign. However, they are willing to take a look at the sign and give their opinion for repair work, Commission members were in agreement. C. Salazar to contact Nicole Heeder, Village Clerk.

### **Social Media**

C. Salazar discussed social media for promoting events, how to better use the platform, length of time to post, quality of output, and the process of posting through the Village Clerk's Office. All official communications must be approved and forwarded out by the Village before the Recreation Commission can announce/promote an event. P. Santamaria suggested the Recreation Commission have limited access/permissions to the platform, be able to setup the flyer/announcement, and then have the Village Clerk's Office view, approve, and send out. This would be a timesaver for the Village Office and allow the announcement to be quickly forwarded out since the setup would be complete.

A. van Moessner to ask about an account managed by the Recreation Commission.

### **Recreation Commission Liaison Updates**

- Playground/Grant Update
  - No update to playground equipment delivery date of late December
  - DPW & D. Weir would not recommend this company
  - May need to have the Village Attorney involved, possibly cancel the order if delivery continues to be delayed
  - D. Weir noted that pricing the equipment should be reviewed and ordered through the Office of General Services if they show the same type of equipment on their website at a lower cost.
  - Large Grant - update to come mid-January
- Little Free Library
  - Two book boxes have been constructed, waiting on third, will be installed in Spring.
- Budget
  - D. Weir reported a balance of \$179.85 remains through June 1st.
  - D. Weir read an email from the Mayor which relates to the Village budget and it's preparation for 2023-24, a possible 5% property tax hike may be needed.
  - Consideration of Recreation Commission's events will be needed with the possibility of eliminating one or two. Members discussed the possibility of eliminating Summer Camp, cost vs participants. Members present were in agreement.

- D. Weir gave a quick summary of some of the responses from the recent survey and will provide the finalized survey results as soon as available. The results may assist in event selection for possible budget reduction.

### **Bylaws**

Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated. D. Weir to find out when revisions need to be submitted.

### **New Business:**

#### **Holiday Market Ideas**

A. van Moessner discussed the possibility of creating an entire month of events in December via a Holiday Market, bringing more foot traffic in the Village.

Collaborating with the local businesses and KBPA would be essential. Any thoughts or ideas can be shared with A. van Moessner....examples: snow sculptures, hot cocoa, caroling, Ghent Band, etc.

#### **Sled Dogs**

The Library will be doing a dog sled event in March and requested the Recreation Commission contribute financially to this event. Although the location for this event is planned for Rothermel Park, it was suggested that the Village Square could be used or possibly behind the Vanderpoel House of History, bringing foot traffic closer to the Village businesses. A. van Moessner will reach out to the Library regarding location and the unlikelihood of funding due to budget constraints.

**2023 Calendar/Planning**

| <b>Event</b>                        | <b>Date</b>          | <b>Organizer(s)</b>                                       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Egg Hunt                            | April 8th            | C. Salazar & P. Santamaria                                |
| Playground Equipment Ribbon Cutting | TBD                  | TBD   |
| Yoga & Meditation @ the Park        | May, June, or July ? | A. van Moessner to check on the possibility of this event |
| Juneteenth                          | June 17th or 18th    | A. van Moessner   |
| Pride                               | June 24th            | A. van Moessner   |
| Summer Program                      | July & August        | Rethink this program due to \$\$ vs participants          |
| Firetruck Day                       | July 22nd            | M. Plakias & A. van Moessner                              |
| Summer Jam                          | July                 | M. Plakias & Q. Murphy                                    |
| Community Night                     | September 23rd       | A. van Moessner   |
| Halloween                           | October 28th         | D. Dellehunt  |

A. van Moessner reported that there is a person in the Village that is interested in chairing and setting up a Kinderhook Pride 501 3c. There are 4 people interested in being on a Kinderhook Pride Board, fully independent of the Village. This board would fundraise for Pride and fund Kinderhook Pride independently. The Recreation Commission could provide support with people power for the event, coordinating with local businesses, and promoting the event.

A. van Moessner to send out link to events calendar to Commission Members.

J. Bujanow announced that Melanie Brodowski, recently hired by the Village for Secretary to the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals, will be taking over as Secretary for the Recreation Commission starting in January. J. Bujanow will continue as Secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission and also Records Management.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

Moved: A. van Moessner; Second: M. Plakias. Motion carried.

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Jacqueline Bujanow,  
Secretary, Recreation Commission