

Village of Buckeye Lake
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: July 11, 2023

Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Village of Buckeye Lake Recreation Center

Commission Attendance: Annetta Macedonia, Holly Stein, Sue Smith, Melissa Tevis, Kellie Green

Council or Village Attendance: John Lemmon, Janelle Emmett

Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2023 Meeting: Minutes approved

Motion: Sue Smith **Second:** Holly Stein

Call to Public: Guest Speakers:

- **Loretta (Child Therapist)-** Will assist with the FB page for Friends of the Park. Only Sue Smith and Loretta will have administrator access to post information to the page.

Unfinished Business:

- **Friends of the Park Update:** Sue is working on a FB page so people who are involved can get information from that page.
- **Park Benches & Trees:** (Holly)- Three benches have been donated. The plaques for the benches will be 6 ½ x 4 inches, and the number of characters is being determined. These will be placed near the pickleball court, in the shaded area. Six bench locations have been established.
- **Survey & Grant Update-** (Janelle Emmett)- There are currently 59 responses to the survey and that will be closed out on July 31st. Janelle will process the responses and report back to the Commission. Family Fishing Day will be August 19th, fishing licenses will be waived by ODNR for that event. Still waiting on approval for the \$500.00 grant to help with the cost of the event.
- **Pickleball Clinic-** Scheduled for July 12th, collecting \$5.00 per person for the Rec. Center. Instructor is offering intermediate and advanced classes.
- **Skate Park Update-** A motion was made in the June 2023 Council meeting to have three readings allowing money to be appropriated for the skate park. The Commission will suggest to Council bypassing the three readings due to the calendar and summer weather. Materials need to be ordered four weeks in advance and there is a concern that this would cause the approval of the park construction to late in the summer

season. Melissa is also getting some price comps from other parks and talking to the Bike Shop owners in Newark, who have helped with the building of skate parks.

- **2024 Budget Preparation-** Annetta was contacted by Jennifer and was told to have a 2024 budget in place by August 4th. Below are the items the Commission would like to see in our budget for 2024 and members were assigned research duties for cost and options:
 - **ADA Swing:** Sue and Annetta will research the cost of the ADA swing, the need for a concrete pad to access the swing and the demographic need for that equipment.
 - **Obstacle Course/Fitness Trail-** Kellie and Melissa will work together to come up with ideas and cost for this addition to our park.
 - **Pickleball:** A discussion was had as to where to add additional pickleball courts. The use of the Rec. Center parking lot would allow for two more courts. Melissa will look into seeing if the striping of the courts could be donated.
 - **Activity Allotment:** The Commission discussed a possible monthly allotment be put aside to provide for monthly activities for the kids, such as, art, music, nature talks and walks, etc.
 - **Paint & Clean Existing Equipment:** A discussion was had on the need to paint exiting park equipment and picnic tables. Many of the picnic tables in the shelter house have graffiti and need repainted. Loretta suggested providing a “graffiti place” for the kids. We discussed a graffiti board or painting the tables with chalkboard paint.

Council Presentation: Annetta & Kellie

New Business:

Rec Center Events: July 24, 2023 Rental

Fund Raising: Sue made a suggestion to have a Buckeye Lake Dam Walk. For an entry fee a t-shirt would be provided. We would approach sponsors to cover the cost of the t-shirts. The dam walk is 4.2 miles. May need drivers to take participants back to their cars.

Adjourn Meeting: 8:20 P.M.

Motion: Kellie Green

Second: Holly Stein

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 6:30 P.M.

Location: Recreation Center



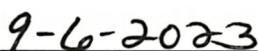
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