

**Village of Buckeye Lake**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes: May 2, 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

**Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2023 Meeting:** Minutes approved

**Motion:** Sue Smith   **Second:** Melissa Tevis

**Call to Public: Guest Speakers:**

- **Kelly Collins:** Hosts the Buckeye Lake Boater Training Classes and shared ideas for having a Buckeye Lake Pirate Festival. Targeted for May 18 & 19 of 2024. Ideas included getting a committee together to plan the event, involve businesses and restaurants, involve all the communities around the lake (the three counties), involve BLRC, possibly see if Legend Valley would be interested in hosting a concert that weekend, and having two scavenger hunts (one by land and one by sea). He stated that these events are great money makers and pull people into the area. On May 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a restaurant owner meeting to discuss involvement in the event, and hopefully the Park & Rec. Commission would host some events appropriate for kids.
- **Peggy Wells:** Was invited to give the historical perspective on the original Skate Park. She provided a packet with all the past information and what was involved to kick off that park in our community; including fund raising and events that the kids in the community participated in. Her presentation was excellent and she was able to answer all the questions that the Commission had about the park and its upkeep and history.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Skate Park Review:** \$23,000 was carried over from last year to repair the “mini ramp.” Parks & Rec. still has that money available to use for the replacement of the new ramp. Annetta has been in contact with Goodtime Construction and has a current picture of the proposed replacement ramp. The material will be Skate-lite with a steel foundation and will be appropriate for skate-boards, in-line skates and BMX bikes. The Commission has \$37,810.00 available for the start of the new skate park. The Commission members voiced opinions about the skate park and came to an agreement that we support

keeping that area of the park for a future skate park. We would like to start with the “mini ramp,” so the community and the kids see our devotion to replacing this equipment. The future goal would be to add additional pieces as funds become available and we would seek grants and have specific fund raising events to add on to the park. The Commission also plans on posting this information on the Facebook Page so the community can see our progress along the way.

- **2024 Obstacle Course:** Holly and Melissa will start looking into the possibility of having an obstacle course at our park.
- **Friends of the Park Update:** Four people expressed interest in being on the committee, as well as John Lemmon and Peggy Wells. The core group of six is almost established.
- **Kids in the Park Day:** May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
  1. Speakers will be set up to play up-beat music for the kids
  2. Holly will set up a survey board to get community input as to what they would like to see in our parks.
  3. A photo of the new “mini ramp” for the skate park will be on display
  4. Sue and Mike will set up pickle-ball equipment and engage with the kids on that sport.
  5. Holly will help with corn-hole set up and instruction for the kids.
  6. Basketball courts will be open.
  7. Annetta & Kellie will act as grill Queens and grill hotdogs for the kids and their parents, along with lemonade provided by Sue Smith.
  8. Melissa Tevis will run a fitness challenge and provide healthy fruit snacks for participants.

**Council Presentation:** Next Council Meeting is May 2023, Kellie will attend and reach out to Annetta for talking points prior to the meeting.

**New Business:**

**Rec Center Events:**

5/20/23- National Kids in the Park Day

5/27/23- Rec Center rented for birthday party

6/3/23-Graduation Party

**Fund Raising Events:** Will be discussed at next meeting

**Officers:** We need a vice-chair now that Barb Sills resigned; that will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Grants:** Discussion for next meeting

**Adjourn Meeting:** 8:35 P.M.

**Motion:** Holly Stein

**Second:** Melissa Tervis

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Recreation Center

*Donna J. Monahan*

Chair

*Kelle L. Green*

Secretary

*June 6, 2023*

Date

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