

Town of Stanford
Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024

Present: Mike Denatale, Nicole Clanahan, Jess Odell, Charlotte Haims, Lorelei Christensen, Nathan Lavertue (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Ginny Gertling, Veronica Bisson

Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

Nicole motioned to approve the October 9 meeting minutes. Charlotte seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pavilion Rentals

Charlotte and Ginny had done research on surrounding Towns and their pavilion rental fees and processes. The Town of Stanford pavilion is in high demand so a fee increase is appropriate also based on other local rental rates. Discussion will continue whether different fees should be implemented for summer versus off-season rentals. The rules and regulations should be updated as well. The discussion will continue next meeting when Ginny is present.

Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat was very well attended with about 250 kids, but there were only 25 trunks to give out candy. Lauren suggested doing a candy drive where people could donate a bag of candy if they don't have the time or means to supply candy for 200 children. Charlotte suggested the time frame decrease to an hour and half and keep it on Friday evening versus a Sunday afternoon. The Commission agreed. There was discussion of potentially reaching out to the PTA to see if they would be willing to combine events to reduce competition and overextending trunk volunteers. Lorelei suggested contacting candy manufacturers for donations and Lauren said she would look to see if the budget has room to buy additional candy.

Haunted Fortress

The Fortress made more than the projected revenue for this year. Lauren said that the ticket booth definitely needs an additional person to manage the line and perhaps the ticket price could increase especially with surrounding haunted houses being more than \$20 and ours

is \$15. The Haunted Fortress Committee is looking for more volunteers, Nathan suggested a QR code at the ticket booth to encourage people to sign up while waiting in line.

Charlotte said in the future she would like to look into running a Witches Bike Ride and have an established route. The established route then could also be used for future runs or bike races.

Parade of Lights

If the set up time is not really 2 hours before the start of the parade, the Commission may like to put in a vehicle for the parade.

Winter Programming

Recipes 4 Kids will continue into December, then start up again for February, March, April. Winter Glow Party will take place on January 24 at Town Hall in the auditorium in the evening 5:30-6:45 PM. For ages 2+. Lots of brainstorming took place: pizza, popcorn, snowcone machine, fog machine, light machine, glow paint, face paint, projector for light show, games, photo booth, DJ music. There will also be a parent mingle room and parent chaperones.

Summer Camp / Staffing

The Town of Stanford summer camp got approval from the Town Board. It will start the week after the 4th of July. Sarah Beam, current Assistant Rec Director, is interested in the camp director position. The Rec would need to find another Assistant Rec Director to fill her position. Lauren would like to start securing staffing early and be particular and picky about who they hire because the camp needs to be well supervised and organized.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM