

Town Of Harwinton

Recreation Commission

Monday November 14, 2022

6:00PM

Harwinton Town Hall

Open Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.

- Motion to approve minutes from August 8th by Bruce
- Second by Wayne

Fields and Facilities

- Field 1 and 5 are looking better. They will be ready to open in the spring.
- Kerri is going to work with Public Works to make the Sports Complex more accessible (ADA compliant). This project will be slow because it will need to be done in pieces
- BJSA/HYSA Soccer used only one field this fall.
- Burlington/HYSA baseball will use fields again this spring. Field use is unknown at this time.
- Senior Center will not be rented out for the remainder of the year unless it is to an elderly community group.

Hometown Holiday

- Dec 3rd, 4-7pm
- We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies, set up, and break down

Next Year's Programs

- We may be working with Matica Arts to put together an arts festival up on the Sports Complex. We are waiting to hear back if they received the grant they applied for.
- Fishing Derby will hopefully happen again in the spring.
- Potential for another bike rodeo. Kerri would coordinate with Resident Troopers so they can participate.
- We may need a fundraiser to help offset the costs of maintenance for basketball courts. Some ideas I have are a fun run or color run.
 - Mike suggests if we have to redesign the basketball courts we could redesign the drainage to get rid of the pitch in the middle.

- We will be doing a request for proposal for new tennis courts at the Thierry property. At this time, people do not like to use the courts in the Conservation area because they are too far into the woods.
 - We also want to look in to the costs of converting the old courts into a dog park.
- **Summer Events**
 - 2 Movies & Kickball
 - We can hopefully work with HYSA again to have the snack shack for these events.
 - 2 Live Music
 - Mike suggested a local band The Tradesman (John Duce).
 - Christmas In July – Fundraiser?
 - Wayne suggested a food truck event here as a fundraiser. Charge the food trucks or people an entry fee to raise money.
 - Will be working in partnership with the Savory Foundation (non-profit) to have a 5K on campus next October.
 - The commission members suggested working with Coach Mel's and DJemz to offer outdoor fitness programs in the warmer months.

Next Year Meetings

- We will keep our meetings on Monday nights. We will continue to do 4 for the year.
- Bruce, Town Clerk needs to know if you would like to continue to be on the commission.
 - Bruce will notify Town Clerk
- Our next meeting will be in February.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bruce.

Second By Wayne.

James Boyan