

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Members of the Voluntown Recreation Commission:**

Mark Simmons, Chairman	Michael Magario	Jamie Anderson
Michael Kalwara, Vice Chair	Belinda Wiese	Dean Wittwer, Secretary
Melinda Bryan, Treasurer	Kristen Pellinen	Brian Kallio

Absent: Kristen Pellinen, Belinda Wiese.

Guests:

**Ascertain a Quorum**

There were 7 of 9 present – served as a quorum.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

**Previous Minutes**

Mike K. made a motion to approve the March 1, 2023 minutes and Jamie seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

We spent \$7429.42 from our budget.

There is \$7570.58 remaining. This needs to be spent by June 30.

Constitution budget has \$20,5030.07.

**Old Business**

- A. Gate Street Master Plan. The community committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. A Public Scoping Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 28 at 6PM at the Town Hall. There was a lot of people in attendance for this and a lot of good discussion. A revised plan will be presented at the April 10 community committee meeting.
- B. Constitution Field.
  - a. The playground repairs from the audit have been completed by Brian.
  - b. The bleachers still need to be done in the Spring. We have all of the supplies for this.
  - c. We will need to stain the gazebo soon. Jamie has the stain.
  - d. The grass on the field is in bad shape, we need to do some kind of repair. Mike K. made a motion to allocate up to \$1500 for fertilizer for the field. Melinda seconded. All in favor.
  - e. A new timer is needed for the basketball court. Jamie will look into this. Mike K. made a motion to allocate up to \$500 to repair or replace the timer; Dean seconded. All in favor.

- f. The walking track needs to be resurfaced. Mike K. made a motion to allocate up to \$2000 to regrade and resurface the track; Mark seconded. All in favor.
- C. Adult Volleyball. The fifth and final night is 4/6/2023. Several people have requested to extend this program. The school is not available on Thursdays for the rest of the school year.

### **New Business**

- A. Upcoming Events.
- B. Family Fun Day. Looking at June 24 for this, 11AM-3PM.
  - a. Some of the ideas:
    - i. Carly's Critters (petting zoo).
    - ii. Carnival Party does games.
    - iii. R.E.A.D. Amusements does a portable mini golf.
    - iv. We will also see about having a food truck.
  - b. Mike K. made a motion to allocate up to \$3000 for the Family Fun Day; Brian seconded. All in favor.
- C. 2023/2024 Budget. Mark presented his ideas for the budget. We expect about a 3% increase. The group was in agreement with this information.

### **Correspondence**

We had a request for using the pavilion for the National Day of Prayer. This was approved.  
We had a request from the Jewett City Little League for using the ball field and field inside the track. This was denied because the ball field is in bad shape and will be getting some work done in the near future.

### **General Discussion**

There was no general discussion.

### **Adjournment**

Melinda motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike K. seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Dean Wittwer.*