

Recreation Commission Meeting
8/30/2021
Zoom Meeting

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DATE: September 14, 2021
TIME: 9:16 AM

Commission Attendees:

- Officers: Cortney Eldridge (chair), Anthony Ferrante (secretary)
- Members: Melissa Hart, Steven Colello, Theresa O'Connor

Town Attendees: Brandon Fitts (Assistant Recreation Director), Heidi Barberio

Guest: Mary Bradley (Porchfest)

Lauren Pfendner (Library)

5:34 pm call to order

Belmont Public Library Concert

- Saturday afternoon.
- Looking at Payson Park

Lauren

- At least 1 concert in person. Traditionally held indoor concerts.
- Matt York, singer/songwriter. Focused on The Highwaymen.
- 1 hour program. Library provides trash removal. Needs power for an amp.

Discussion

- Cortney – neighbors wanted to spread the concerts around to other parks. Is there power at other fields?
- Brandon – Belmont Light could help out with power but all fields are used except Payson and perhaps Underwood.
- Steven – what were guidelines?
- Brandon – needs bigger discussion on special permit applications.

Vote

- Moved, the library shall have a special permit for a concert granted for October 2nd for 2 hours at Payson Park.
- Unanimously approved.

Belmont Porchfest

- Brandon – Porchfest September 11th. Needs space for High School Marching band from 2-5 pm. Spoke with youth sports groups. Winn Brook is available.
- Mary – Marauders and School of Honk. Treating this like another porch. Is it OK to put awnings up on field.
- Brandon – needs to talk to Frank. Can't be staked to field.
- Mary – no place in permit application for 501 (c)(3). Wants us to waive fees.
- Discussion on fee issue.
- Resident single use \$25/hour; local private schools \$25/hour; private camps or groups \$60/hour.
- Steven – does the Rec Commission think this is a good thing; what should the cost be. Really a Town event like library. Should have fee waived.
- Cortney – If the concert was just the Marauders it would make sense to waive the fee since they are part of the schools but School of Honk will also play there. We do need to reevaluate our policies though.
- Cortney – wants a new policy in place by end of the calendar year.

- Moved, to approve Porchfest concert on September 11th from 2-5 at Winn Brook with a rain date of September 12th, and a fee of \$50.
- Unanimously approved.

Next meetings:

September 13th at 5:30

October 18th at 5:30

November 15th at 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 6:25