

Fruitland Park Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/06/23, Time: 5:30pm

Board Present: Ashley, Kay & Mindy

Board Absent: Kari & Shelley

Community Guests: Julie Lerch and Fruitland Queens

OLD BUSINESS:

Fruitland Fun Days:

Meet at the community center at 9am. Kay got 50 pounds of candy for the parade and papers to hand out with info on becoming a board member.

Outdoor Kitchen:

Based upon the feedback given from Council members, we are going to take the next steps in proposing an open outdoor kitchen. We discussed size, materials, and layout. Ashley was going to prepare and post on our group chat a draft/drawing of what it may look like so we can discuss further at the next meeting. Trying to have concept to present to council at future meeting.

Kay and Ashley discussed this concept with two contractors, and they believe that this idea is within reach with the budget that we presented to them. We will draw up plans, kay will get measurements of current shelter area and we will get a couple of quotes.

Food Trucks:

Kay reached out to Vitale's and they will do their take and bake pizzas at the park. She is checking with them to see if Sept 27th from 4 – 8pm will work for them. **If this is confirmed Ashley will make a flyer and begin promoting.

Activity Box:

Ashley discussed the activity box and said that it is ready for us to fill and begin advertising. Mindy was going to check to see what she had at home to put in it to get things rolling. We talked about putting kids and family activities in the box to promote kids playing and families spending time together.

Fruitland Fall Event:

We discussed our Oct 7th event (9am-1pm) of painting pumpkins, Fall Baking Contest, Apple Cider, photo op, bobbing for apples, vendors, costume contest. Prizes will be needed for contests. Trophy or something will be needed for the baking contest. Kay was checking with Taylor's Market for pumpkin and mum donations. * Ashley will make a flyer and event for this. More discussion to come to tie up loose ends on GroupMe.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brainstormed other Projects for this year:

Workout station at Park– Kay to check with city of Letts and their workout station for ideas. To post to group chat.

Pickle Ball courts at Park – Shelley will take pictures of Taylor Park in Muscatine for ideas on setup as most of us have not played pickle ball.

Basketball Court improvements – Hoops and poles replaced with higher quality ones since this is one of the most used things at the park especially with teens.

Mindy suggested looking into a fireplace for shelter like they have at Weed Park in Muscatine.

Outdoor Shelter funds:

Question was raised on status of using the outdoor funds for the new outdoor kitchen. Shelley will check with Becca and report back.

Christmas Event:

Started a brief discussion about the Christmas event on Saturday, December 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm. We will do the lighted parade again this year and line up will be at 4:30 with the parade starting at 5pm. We need to find a Santa for the event, talked about doing the unwrap the saran wrap ball, hot chocolates and cookie decorating.

Community Input:

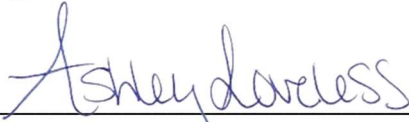
Julie Lerch and the Fruitland Queens came and presented a check to the park board for park improvements for \$100.00

Next Meeting:

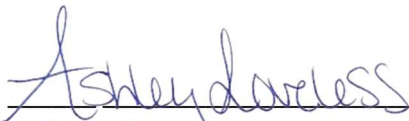
October 4th @ 5:30pm at Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm.

Signatures:



Park Board Chair



Assistant Secretary

Agenda for Meeting on Oct 4th:

- Continue working on Outdoor kitchen Idea
- Status of Food Truck Vendors for the rest of this year
- Discuss workout station and pickle ball court ideas
- Finalize details for Fall Festival
- Discuss Christmas event set for Dec 2nd 5:30 – 7:30