

Rockville Park & Recreation Board

Minutes of March 7, 2013 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: John, Lori, Rick T., Rick H., Paul, Scott and Duane W.

1. February meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Paul and a second by John.
2. Nature Parks and Trails did meet tonight, with 9 people present. The sign about eagles is ready to be made and we voted "yes" to go ahead with it. The cost will be under \$500.00. The new 30 mph speed signs are up. Paul & others are trying to find people to help teach when the rain gardens are planted to make it an educational experience for the volunteers helping. Hoping to get summer school students and others to help. This will happen in early to mid June. The city maint. dept. will do the prairie grass planting with a drill seeding machine. Still working on getting the lumber for the dock and then the Lions Club will put it onto the frame. Hoping to be able to do prairie burns this spring. A lot should be happening in the county park this summer.
3. A motion was made by Scott with a second by John to recommend to the city to pass a "Tree Ordinance". This will protect the city from the spread of tree diseases and make government money available in case there would be a problem.
4. We are still working on getting the money back from the Kinsers that was meant for a project in Community Park. A legal letter will be sent. (Thanks Paul for your efforts on this matter.)
5. Summer Ball Program: Bryan was present. He was contacted by someone to suggest that Rockville, Cold Spring & Richmond each have their own Major BB team. He has another meeting at St. Nicholas. Need to really advertise the ball sign-up date for Sat. April 6 from 10-11:00am. Umpires were being paid for too many games last year. We should only need them for major BB. Need volunteers or parents to do the umpiring. Any parent who umpires at least three games in the season will get their registration fee returned. Need new jerseys for major BB. Also talked about possibly getting a pitching machine. T-ball should be split into two groups according to their skill level. Bryan would like to have some kind of website to put up schedules and post rain outs. No kids names or photos would have to be on it, and it should be linked to the city web site. We still don't know if there is going to be a Men's league or not (they lost a couple of teams).
6. Winter Fun Fest was held on Sat. Feb. 23. It was a nice day out and there were about 12 kids (20-30 people). The people there enjoyed it, but we need to get the word out better so we have more people. They made snow sculptures, had a bon fire, with hot cider and snacks. (We really don't have to have ice to have a winter fun day.)

7. The Polar Plunge did end up using Lions Park for parking cars, but it did work well. Someone did plow out some of the snow, but not deep enough to cause any damage.
8. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Sat. March 30 at Lions Park, near the 400 Club parking lot. We will meet on Friday evening at 6:30 at the old Pleasant Lake City Hall to stuff the plastic eggs and put together the treat bags. Suzanne will check on getting the Rocori Royalty to help and check if Honers will bring the live bunnies again this year. Scott and Lori will go through the inventory and see what is needed.
9. Motion to adjourn by John and a second by Paul & Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting is Thurs. April 4, 2013 at 7:00pm at Rockville City Hall

Respectfully submitted by Lori Anderson

2013 EASTER EGG HUNT SUMMARY

- We had about 200 kids. We had made up 215 treat bags. Each bag had a can of pop, bag of chips, marshmallow treat, egg tattoo, porcupine ball, little activity book, stickers, plastic watch. The cost of each bag was around \$1.10. (The pop was donated by Viking Coke, and Cash Wise gave a \$25.00 gift card which went towards the chips.)
- We put out 1200 eggs. 500 (0-4 age group) 400 (5-7 age group) and 300 (8-10 age group) We put 3 of the larger chocolate eggs in each one. Next year we will get smaller bulk eggs to save some money.
- It rained all night the night before, but cleared up and was sunny and it wasn't too muddy. There was still snow on the ground, but it was held where it had been plowed for the Polar Plunge parking.
- Thanks to Brian K. for being our bunny.
- We had 6 large stuffed bunnies for the grand prizes in the youngest age group. We had 5 baskets filled with toys and goodies for the middle age group. We had 4 small baskets with a large candy bar and a \$15.00 Target gift card for the oldest.
- The Rocori Royalty helped on Friday night making up the treat bags and putting the candy in the plastic eggs, and they also helped on Saturday for the event.
- The Honer family brought live bunnies again this year for the children to see and pet.
- We collected 198 lbs. of food and \$5.00 cash for the food shelf.
- We have very little of any prizes left. We will need eggs next year. We do have large basket bags for the grand prizes.
- The expenses for this year totaled \$852.62 (This is up about \$60.00 from last year). We should try to come up with some ways to reduce this more. Maybe donations or sponsors??
- We put out a plastic bin and had people recycle their plastic eggs for next year. We got quite a few back.
- Since this building no longer has electricity we got permission and used extension cords plugged into the 400 Club garage.

Note: Lori did buy 7 large stuffed bunnies/chicks for next year and also bought 960 plastic eggs.

