

Rockville Park and Recreation Board Minutes of April 2, 2009 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott S. at 7:02 pm

Present: Scott S., Lori A., Steve H., Dale B., John K. & guest Duane W.

1. March meeting minutes were passed out, and approved with a motion by Dale and a second by John.
2. Welcome to John Koerber who has been approved by the council as a new member of the Park Board.
3. Trails Update: We discussed the Joe Molitor renting of Eagle Park and the city paying taxes on it. This should probably be changed. The bridge in Eagle Park got washed away with all the water. The Lions Club will re-install it and anchor it down. All 10 bird houses are put up, with some in Eagle Park, Hansen Woods, and the Co. Park. ATV's are riding where they shouldn't be! A Prairie burn is scheduled when the conditions are right. Depending on how well the prairie grasses come in, will determine when we plant more flowers. We are also deciding on a gate for people to pass through that cattle cannot. The 1st gr. wants to do a project in Hansens Woods, so they will label trees. Maselter Cabinets will donate the boards with the names of the trees carved in them.
4. There was a motion by John, with a second by Dale, to have Joe Molitor pay no rent on the Eagle Park land, but control the thistles in exchange for his grazing cattle, and then the city would not pay taxes on this land. John will present this to the council.
5. Ball sign-up did not have a very good turn out – not enough for any full team! We will not have a Babe Ruth team, as only 1 signed up (he can go to Cold Spring). Hopefully we will still get more stragglers signing up to complete some teams. Steve will make some calls to try to find coaches, as none signed up for this either. Scott will call Wayne K. regarding the Thursday night Mens League. Rockfest inquired about using the ball field for the concert again this year – and we said no – unless it can be done with no driving on the field. (last year there was damage)
6. Rockfest is July 11 and the Kiddie Tractor Pull is scheduled.
7. Easter Egg Hunt: Prizes are ordered, costume reserved, and Marie Imholte will be our “Bunny” in her dads (Glenn) place. We will put together the prize bags and put candy in the eggs on Fri. at 6:30. Be there at 9:00 on Saturday to set up.
8. In memory of Glenn Imholte we would like to plant a tree in Lions Park and also name the ball field in his honor.
9. We went over last months budget and expenses.
10. Scott talked to Rena regarding improvements vs. maintenance on the walking path repairs and we should be able to do it with Park Dedication money. John will get a new price from Hardrives.
11. We received a letter from a resident requesting that we flood the basketball court in Lions Park for a rink, and put boards up for hockey. We think it would be better to try to flood the grassy area next to this, as it would ice up better. If we

can get the well that is already there working, we could do this by this winter. For at least the first year we would probably just bank it with snow and see how much use it gets.

12. There was a motion by Lori to adjourn, with a second by Dale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Meeting is Thurs. May 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm

(Preceded by the Nature Parks & Trails mtg. at 6:00)

Respectfully submitted by Lori Anderson

2009 Easter Egg Hunt

- Was held Sat. April 11, at 10:00 am, at the old Pleasant Lake City Hall.
- We had made up 167 prize bags, but we ran out. (There were probably about 50 kids that did not get a prize bag) There was a line all the way to the big rock waiting to get into the building. This extra amount of unplanned kids was due to the fact that it was in the St. Cloud Times, and on WJON radio, neither of which were done by anyone from Rockville. It was also a beautiful day!
- The total expenses for this year was \$ 488.16.
- We need to get a better microphone system. People said they did not hear what was said, and did not know the limit was for only 2 eggs because of the large crowd. (we could also hold up signs)
- Next year we need to put out more eggs, so each person can get 4 eggs. There were also twice as many kids in the youngest age group. So we need more eggs in that area.
- If we have more kids, do we want to increase our number of grand prizes? (6 for the youngest, 5 for the middle, and 4 for the oldest).
- Maybe next year we should do up more bags, but with less in each one. Or just hand out juice, pop, chips, or candy as they come through.
- We did not collect as much food for the food shelf this year. (This was not included in what went in the Times).

Inventory:

- 1 basket bag left (bought 8 more)
- 4 small stuffed bunnies to put in grand prize baskets.
- Pink & White crepe paper
- Have tablecloths and balloons
- 5 baskets (for grand prizes - mid age group)
- 6 large bunnies (grand prizes for youngest age group)
- 300 cello bags for prize bags
- Easter grass
- 4 little baskets (use for gift card for oldest group grand prize)

The best news was that we found Scott's wedding ring that he lost in the storage closet about 3 years ago! Way to go John!