

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

Members Present: Scott Haskins, Stephanie Giovannucci, Tim Rose, Sheri Sprague, Ross Cunningham

There being a quorum meeting was called to order by Chair Haskins at 5:30pm

Comedy Night:

Board participated in a zoom call with Funny 4 Fund\$, he presented a slideshow outlining the event and their company. He added that tickets sales are usually good around \$20-\$25 per person, do not do more than 20 raffle items, make sure the space selected can hold at least 150 people. Discussion ensued about getting sponsors and auction items. Tickets sold online within 2 weeks of the show. Board discussed selling food. Ms. Sprague suggested summer, and maybe reach out to Compass Classical. Board agrees \$25 per person, no additional fees added.

- **Open Projects:**

Announcing Booth – Mr. Haskins is waiting to hear back from Huot, he added that when he did speak to the teacher, they seemed like they could get the frame done in time.

Gazebo – Mr. Haskins presented a couple gazebo options one being 20x20 octagon, another being 24x14 or 20x24, board discussed pricing, flooring, and set up. Mr. Haskins added that putting the bell on top is not going to be feasible as the structure will not handle it, Board discussed and agreed to add the bell to the side of the gazebo. Mr. Rose will talk to John Raffaely about a concrete pad for the gazebo and the bell structures.

- **Funding:**

Cord Wood/Pellets Raffle – Board reviewed how many tickets were left to sell, and agreed to keep selling until all have been sold.

Gel Blasters event – Mrs. Giovannucci stated that we need to come up with a name for the event so we can make posters and start advertising. Board will come up with a name at the next meeting. Board approved to have the Mars Bars food truck, and snow cones/cotton candy table.

Comedy Night – Board agrees to July 12th, 19th or 26th for dates and will scope out Compass Classical during town meeting.

Fall Festival – Mr. Haskins will talk to Chuck Drew who stated that when Kettlehead does their event the food trucks come on their own, no money is exchanged, but they have to pay for all of the breweries that come. Mr. Haskins will ask Kettlehead if they can come to the next meeting.

- **New Business:**

Ms. Sprague asked about getting a list of businesses that have donated and would like to post some on Facebook each week. Board agrees.

Ms. Sprague asked if we wanted to do spring clean up again this year. Board agrees and will look at dates at the next meeting.

Mr. Haskins inquired about the terms coming up from Board members being Jen Tupeck and Sherly Tedford and wants to know if they are still interested.

- **Other Business:** None

- **Public Input:**

Dave Chapman, Vice President of Old Home Day and in charge of the horse pulls, stated he just came to the meeting to see what was going on with the parks. Mr. Haskins asked when it comes time to construct the booth are they interested in helping, Mr. Chapman confirmed that they would. Mr. Haskins asked if the horses don't return this year, is are the pulls over, Mr. Chapman stated no, they will continue to try each year. Mr. Haskins informed him that he has the firehoses that go on the top rail at his house from when we rebuilt the fence. Mr. Haskins also asked that when the even is done, if the blocks in the middle can be moved to outside the fence area. Mr. Chapman confirmed that they will do it that day since they will have the tractor.

Kevin Waldron asked what the purpose of the gazebo was. Board stated to hold events, bands, family events, etc. He asked why a prebuilt unit when there are contractors in the area. Mr. Haskins stated that the unit comes in pieces and is build on site with pressure treated lumber, contractors are already filling up their year and we have to have this built and paid for by September, plus we do not have plans to submit to local contractors. Discussion ensued regarding the flooring of the gazebo.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes Approved 3/14/24