

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
PARKS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2024**

**Members Present:** Scott Haskins, Stephanie Giovannucci, Tim Rose, Sheri Sprague, Jennifer Tupeck, Sherly Tedford, Sel. Ross Cunningham

There being a quorum meeting was called to order by Chair Haskins at 5:34pm

Board closed the raffle for the Cord of Wood, winner was selected, Ticket # 69 John Hanson  
Board closed the raffle for the Pallet of Pellets, winner was selected, Ticket #83 Evelyn Ferrell

- **Open Projects:**

**Announcing Booth** – Mr. Haskins stated that we have not received a response from Hoyt so we need to move on to get this done and get some volunteers to assist in construction. Mr. Haskins will go to Cyr Lumber to make sure the lumber is ready for delivery and then schedule a date to build.

**Gazebo** – Board reviewed three additional quotes to construct the gazebo, with a few last minute questions they decided to hold off on a final decision until they hear back.

- **Funding:**

**Gel Blasters event** – Board discussed the event name and finalized on Northfield Blast Off, Mrs. Giovannucci will reach out to Jessica Barney and let her know so she can start advertising.

**Comedy Night** – Mrs. Giovannucci will reach out to get a date confirmation.

**Fall Festival** – Mr. Haskins will see if Chuck Drew can make the next meeting.

- **New Business: None**

- **Other Business:**

Jennifer Tupeck stated that her term is up and she will not be signing up for a second term. Sheryl Tedford stated that her term is also up and she will not be renewing her term either. Board thanked them for their time served and welcomed them to help anytime.

- **Public Input:**

Mark Hubbell asked if the Gel Blasters event is open to kids, Board confirmed that it is. He stated that Selectboard does an employee of the year, and suggested that somehow it be displayed at the park. Mr. Haskins suggested maybe Citizen of the Year. Ms. Sprague suggested a small garden with a bench that can have a yearly dedication. Mr. Hubbell also stated that he has put his name in to be on the Board.

Mr. Haskins asked Mr. Hubbell about adding the large rocks around the park, Mr. Hubbell stated he can work with Public Works to get the rocks there.

John Raffaely stated that he is willing to install the concrete slab for the gazebo. Mr. Haskins asked if he feels the slab should be thick to raise the gazebo high off the ground. Mr. Raffaely stated that on the ground is fine with a 12" slab, and added that the pump truck is going to need to be able to get to the site to pour. Mr. Haskins is aware and can mark the path to travel.

Jen Weisensee, President of Old Home Day Committee stated that they committee has selected a theme "Pulling People Together for Generations" Mr. Haskins made sure they knew there was to be no stakes in the ground, Mrs. Weisensee stated she is aware. Mr. Haskins inquired about the road race; Mrs. Weisensee stated that was a DARE race put on by the Police Dept through the DARE program.

Mr. Haskins updated Kevin Waldron about the booth as he missed the first part of the meeting. Mr. Waldron offered to work with Mr. Haskins and two others to help build the booth. They will work out a schedule.

Mr. Waldron inquired about the money to be spend on the gazebo and asked if it needed to be spent by a specific date. Mrs. Giovannucci stated that the money is a grant and had to be spent by mid-September.

Jennifer Tupek asked about the pavilion update. Mrs. Giovannucci stated she's close to finally getting a quote to do the repairs.

Sheri Sprague asked if the committee is going to try to clean up the Pines Park prior to Old Home Day, Board agreed. Scott Haskins will reach out to Kingsbury to turn on the irrigation system.

- **Minutes:**

**Rose/Cunningham** moved to approve the minutes of 2/8/24 and 2/22/24 as amended. **Motion Passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

**Minutes approved April 11, 2024**