

**Minutes from the
Parks & Rec Committee Meeting
Of
February 22, 2018**

Attendees:

Trustee Richard Gust – Committee Chairperson
Trustee Mark Ottersen – Committee Member
Trustee Don Jensen

Tracy Miracle – Assistant to the Administrator
Trustee Larry Wells – Committee Member
Jon Kindseth – Village Administrator

Roll call was taken and the meeting brought to order at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes were approved from the August 9, 2017 meeting.

The Beach Park Fest date was established as Sat, August 18, 2018. Tr Gust will reach out to Bob Pataky with Mis-Shifts and have him contact Tracy for next meeting date.

The committee would like to combine our neighborhood watch meeting date with National Night Out on Tue, August 7th. Tr Wells would like to know what other communities are doing. Will discuss at the next Parks meeting.

Jon stated that he would like to replace the senior picnic with a business owner event instead, something that is open to the public, encourage the public to meet their local business owners. Tr Jensen suggests combining this with Beach Park Fest, giving our businesses a booth. Will have more discussion regarding this at the next meeting.

Special needs pumpkin farm event date has not been established. Jon mentioned that the water trails at Lake Michigan would like our support in promoting an event down at the lakefront. They will have kayaking and other events that would be open to the public including those with special needs. Tr Wells suggests a list of possibilities, Jon will work on that. He also mentioned highlighting Bull Creek clean-up, this could be one item that we could bring attention to. Possible dates for this event include June 30th and July 1st or the first weekend in August.

Senior holiday party – Wed, Dec 5th at IL Beach State Park.

Regarding park improvements, a park improvement plan was something brought up at the priorities session. At Braim Tot Lot regrading and leveling can be done so that it can be used as an active field, this would cost approximately \$10,000. At Founders Park, maintenance needs to be performed on the tennis court and basketball court and the playground will need work as well, this could total \$150-\$200k. Tr Wells would like us to pursue grants such as OSLAD. Per Jon, we did apply for grants last year but did not receive those.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Next Meeting: March 22, 2018

Next meeting discussion:

- BP Fest
- National Night Out – what do surrounding communities do?
- Business owner event
- Water Trails promotion possibilities
- Park updates – park improvement plan? Removal, replacement or maintenance of some park amenities?