

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Meeting held at the Swoyersville Borough Building.**

**The Following Members Attended:**

**Syrena Riley**

**Angeli Mahovich**

**Jennifer Kadjeski**

**Catherine Leonard Nixon**

**Pete Cwalina**

**Ryan Binkley**

**Charlie Jones**

**Jeff Lewis**

**Board Discussions**

**Finance Committee:**

**Expenditures-**

- 1. Check 1026 \$255.45 reimbursement for Catherine for Brandon's Forever Home Items**
- 2. Check 1025 \$42.50 reimbursement to Jennifer for Pizza to feed volunteers during the sorting for items for donations**

**Advised the Board of the Account**

**Balance as of 1/31/24 \$7,217.26**

**Events & Property Committee:**

- Board member Ryan Binkley will be meeting with a representative from Atlas in Olyphant on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss options for grading/backfilling the former softball field to be made suitable for Football use.**

**Spring/Summer Events Dates:**

- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12-2 Wildflower make and take (meet on Marh 9<sup>th</sup> to prep)**
- May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Paint in the Park**
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Movie in the Park**
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Tentative Car Show**
- June/July Flamingo Fundraiser Sale**
- July 27/28 Wing Fling**

- **August 2<sup>nd</sup> Movie in the Park**
- **August 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 National Night Out**
- **August 30<sup>th</sup> Movie in the Park**
- **August TBD Concert in the Park, WWV Marching Spartans**

**Public Relations:**

- **The board discussed creating announcements reminding the community that we are looking for volunteers to serve on committees and help with events.**
- **The board will update sponsorship forms for Spring/Summer events and reach out to the community for sponsors.**

**Grant Development and Fundraising Committee:**

- **Jennifer Kadjeski and Karen Kotchik Hughes will continue to research grants.**
- **The board will be starting the process soon for the application on the DCED grant**
- **A date will be established for the fundraising and grants committee to meet soon.**
- **Board Member, Charlie Jones reached out to The Luzerne Foundation to inquire about using them as a conduit for the funds received from the ARPA grant. The board feels that this would be beneficial because it would provide additional oversight for the funds (at no cost) and allow organizations to write off donations. The board has not decided to go this route but is strongly considering the option.**
- **The board addressed concerns from council members about advancements versus reimbursement from the ARPA grant. Board member Ryan Binkley will reach out to his contact for the grant to gather more information.**
- **Board member Ryan Binkley organized the list of projects sketched out in the ARPA grant along with information about where we are in the planning process, actions needed, and amount budgeted.**

**Youth Sports League Liaison:**

- **Legion Baseball looking to being planning for 2024 season and field improvements**
- **Wants to book field for season beginning 5/15/24 and in April for try-outs**
- **Sailors**
- **June 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling**
- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> Car Wash**

**Special Needs Park Committee:**

- The committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss plans

**Swoyersville Wing Fling Committee:**

- Seeking sponsorships
- Seeking vendors
  
- Facebook post/event created
  
- Event flyers created- board motioned to approve \$50 for these. These funds will be taken directly from the Wing Fling account and not the Board's account.
  
- Seeking a tent sponsor
  
- The committee will be renting Port-a-Johns from Biros (same vendor as last year)

**Mayor's Hometown Celebration**

- Several board members along with members from Borough Council expressed concerns about the lack of information available for this event along with the scope being outside of what was originally applied for.
- The Rec Board invited Mayor Concert to the meeting to discuss the event and answer questions.
  
- Questions that council and the board inquired about:
  - Is the event a borough event and if so, will vendors be supplying their own insurance/liability insurance?
  - How many people are expected to attend?
  - What sorts of activities will be available?
  
- Getting the field ready for the Sailors is a top priority for the Board but is dependent on bids and weather, the Board informed the mayor that there is a small chance the field may not be accessible the day of his event. This was

**something we had not foreseen when we approved the request. As such, we asked the mayor if he could not hold his event that day if he wanted to have a designated space at the Wing Fling Festival to hold his celebration, he declined stating that he preferred to keep the events separate.**

**· To conclude, the Board requested that The Mayor file additional paperwork with the details and information that the Board and Council were requesting. The mayor agreed to fill out the form once it was sent to him.**

**The next meeting for the Recreation Board will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Borough Building.**