

COLLIER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2022 MEETING

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll call

Present: Mary Popeck, Sue Harford, Alicia Guarnaccio, Dr. Jeff Witman, Kyle Robinson, Anna Ewing; Josh Werner, Director/Parks & Recreation; Deb Zymroz, Commissioner

Absent: Matt Shipton, Lori Ferguson

- II. Minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting were previously approved via email to/from the Board members.

- III. Public Comments/Acknowledgement of Guest(s):

There were no public comments or guests.

- IV. Committee reports:

Collierfest – Josh is still in need of volunteers. The response for sponsorships has been favorable. Of the six food vendors, all but one will be selling food both days. There is an unresolved issue with the Special Occasions Permit. We cannot piggyback on the permit issued to the Panhandle Trail, and we do not qualify under any of the categories which would enable us to obtain a permit. There is a possibility of having the fire department obtain a permit. Other possibilities include selling the cups, not the beer, or asking for a donation instead of charging for the beer. Three kegs of beer have been donated. In an effort to draw more people earlier in the day, a Dek Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Malone Foundation will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eight teams will participate. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project. I.C. Light will be selling beer until 3:00 p.m.

- V. Friends Report by Anna Ewing: There are still three open positions on the Board. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested, they can contact any of the Board members. Josh will email all vendors for a donation toward the baskets to be raffled off during CollierFest.

- VI. Parks & Recreation Department Report by Josh Werner:

Playground Maintenance – TJ Court will either be resurfaced or topped with a sports court. Other issues to be addressed are the splintered wood at Presto, the divot at Webb Park, and the fencing at Skvarca. The new zip line also needs tightened. Josh would like general weekly inspections conducted and more thorough inspections conducted on a monthly basis. There was a lengthy discussion about increasing the available field space, charging the sports organizations a maintenance fee, and addressing the various requests of the sports organization for field improvements, equipment, etc.

Helping Hand Extra Effort Award – The recipient of this award for July was presented to Angie.

Program Fees – To date, approximately \$100,000 in program fees have been collected. The Parks and Recreation Department is on track for one of the best, if not the best, years ever.

VII. Old Business

Beer Market – This event was scheduled for September 2, but has been canceled.

Front Desk – Once again, the Community Center is hiring.

Splash Pad – A site tour of the Pine Township splash pad was conducted on August 5.

VIII. New Business

Future Events – Josh provided a lengthy list of events for the remainder of this year and for those already scheduled for 2023.

Parks Site Visit – Josh will attempt to arrange another visit to the parks by any interested Board member.

IX. Board Member Comments

Deb Zymroz brought up a concern about the lack of free gym time for members. The basketball program uses 19 hours of gym time per week. A lengthy discussion followed regarding possible resolutions.

X. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

XI. The next meeting of the Board will take place at the Community Center on September 27, at 6:30 p.m.