

Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation

Minutes of July 17, 2023

- A. Call to Order: President Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski called the meeting of Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation to order at 3:30 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Present – Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski, Susan Linner, Stephanie Bonincontro, Deb Zymroz, Dave Brown, Tina Mendicino, Julie Murphy, and Rob Shazer. Absent – Kristy Goldie and Cheryl Kania.
- D. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2023 (meeting scheduled for June 12, 2023 was cancelled for lack of attendance.)
- E. Public Comments – None
- F. Executive Board Vote:
 - Mary Ann Cupples Wisniowski – President
 - Susan Linner – Vice President
 - Stephanie Bonincontro – Secretary
 - Deb Zymroz – Treasurer
- G. Reports
 - 1. Taking minutes – Stephanie Bonincontro
 - 2. Treasurer’s Report – Balance as of 6/30/23 is \$32,114.25
 - a. \$20 from extra spring flowers sold
 - b. \$484 from the Memorial Fund
 - c. Check for \$1000 was issued to Guardian Angels for a dog training center for Veterans. (Tom Anderson matched what was raised from the Memorial Fund for the donation.)
 - d. Concerts in the park 50/50 raffles raised \$186 (6/4/23), \$150 (6/25/23), and \$175 (7/16/23) – cash to be deposited all at once after all the concerts are over.
 - e. Fundraiser at DJ’s for Friends raised \$647.20.

3. Park's Meeting Report

- a. Fundraiser at DJ's Collier location had the best sales of the day out of all four of their locations - date pending to receive donation at the restaurant with large check photo.
- b. Dek hockey tournament scheduled for 7/26/23 – 7/30/23 at Collier Park. Decision made to sell food, snacks, and drinks at concession stand, schedule passed around to sign-up for dates and times available to work.
- c. Movie in the Park scheduled for 8/18/23 at 6 P.M. Volunteers needed.
- d. Collier Fest is scheduled for 9/22/23 and 9/23/23

H. New Business

1. Acceptance of Marilyn Townsend's resignation from Friends.
2. Brick for Gail (Friends Founder) – when receive multiple brick orders will order one for Gail also.
3. Benches – reviewed options of benches to purchase, still looking into pricing for plaques. Would be placed on concrete pads, unsure of locations yet.
4. Concert in the Park – rain dates rescheduled for 8/6/23 (Stray Dog, originally scheduled for 6/11/23) and 8/20/23 (Eddie and the Bruisers, originally scheduled for 7/9/23)
5. Purse Bash Fundraiser – on hold for now
6. Collier Fest Baskets
 - a. Donations due at Community Center by Monday 9/18/23
 - b. Basket making scheduled for Wednesday 9/20/23
 - c. Set-up on Thursday 9/21/23
7. Mum Flower Sale – not doing this fall, not enough time to organize
8. Jenny Lee Fundraiser – online sale can make 50% off sales. Planning on sending out flyers beginning of October with delivery week of Thanksgiving. Possible Mancini fundraiser to run concurrent with Jenny Lee sale
9. Julie Murphy Mission Statement/Priority and Goals of Friends – “Clean, Green, and Beautiful” will keep to just parks for fundraising. Will discuss in the winter possibly expanding beyond just the parks. Working with Parks and Rec board from the 2020 Comprehensive Plan developed with public input. Still at the beginning stages, will continue development.

I. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 at 3:30 P.M.

J. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.